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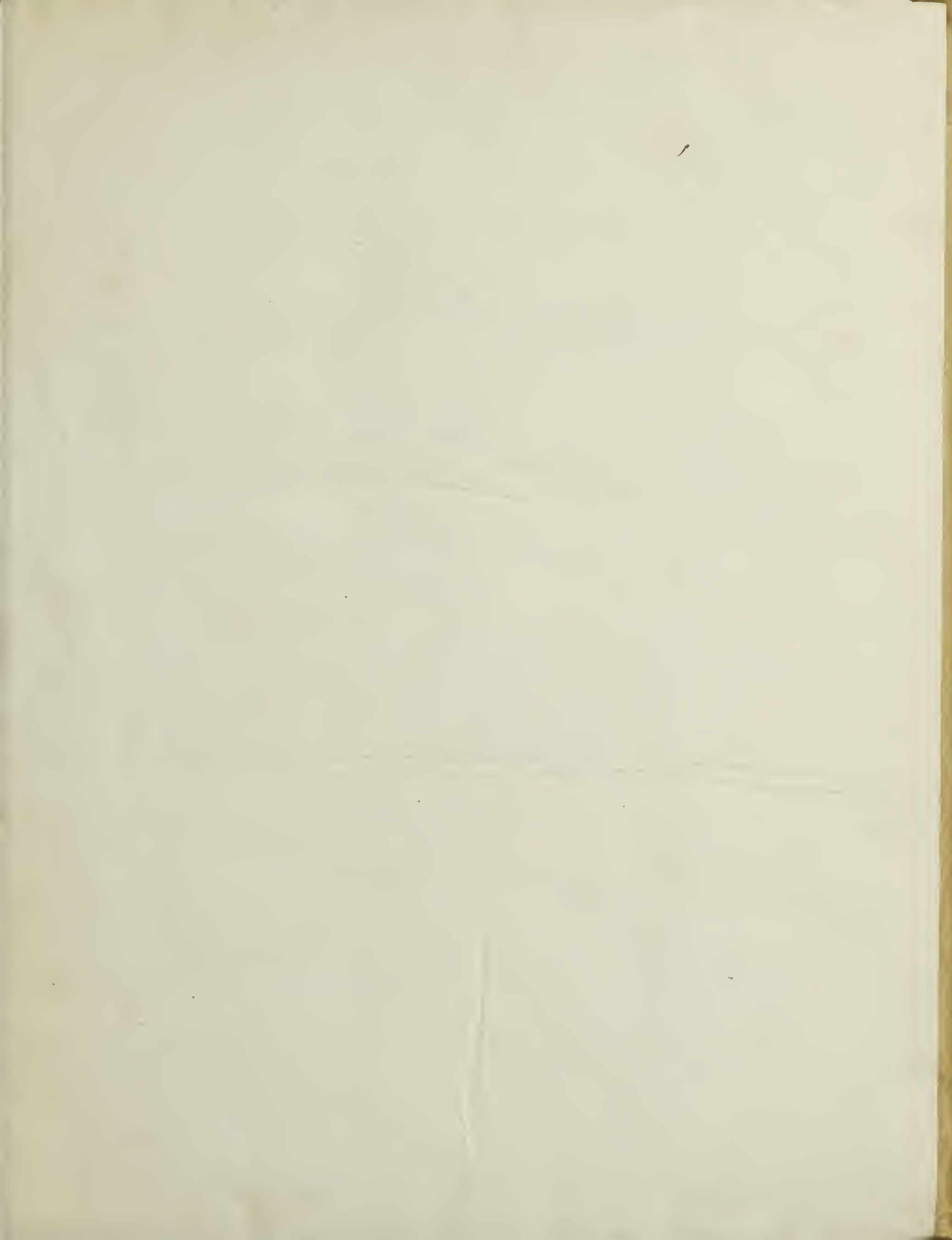
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Geneva, Kan., Jan. 8, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Your letter of Dec. 28th came to hand a few days ago. I would be glad to have either of the papers you mention, the N. York Observer in preference. I wrote you a long letter while you was in Philadelphia. Did you not get it? It was in regard to my situation here, wants, &c. If the Bd. of Dom. Mis. could give me 3 or 4 hundred dollars, I will promise not to ask them again for any help. If not this, a box of clothing such as coat, pants, vest, cap, &c. with drawers, shirts &c. would be highly acceptable. Our Ch. here is poor and pay me only about \$150, the Co. at the Falls \$75. Had to buy a house to live in when I came here could not get one to live in. It cost \$500 to \$600. Have only been able to pay \$200. My field of labor is a good one & I do not mean to leave it, if I have to earn my bread by toiling with my hands. The school or Academy here does not more than pay expenses, but I trust it has a bright future.

I am trying to raise a library for the youth here of good and valuable books, as they are destitute of good reading. If you know any one to whom I could write with the prospect of getting aid please inform me. There is a good deal of religious interest here and may the Lord pour us out a great blessing.

Your brother in Christ,
S. M. Irwin.

Schenectady, Jan. 9th, 1868.

From a "Friend" interested in the great work to which you have devoted yourself. Use it as you please for yourself or others. \$10.00.

Mrs. J. T. Backus.

Lansing, Iowa, Jan. 9th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your note of the 1st inst. came last evening. Mrs.

Frothingham would be glad to receive the furs, as she is not well provided in this direction. She has worn for four years a small cape made out of a bear skin puff, sent to us in a box. We are quite comfortably off for clothing generally, but if you have anything useful or new of garments, not needed by others, they will find a place for use somewhere in our family. Anything sent to me, (name in full, not to be mistaken for John) care of Benj. Prentiss, at Mous Anderdane, La Crosse, will find me. I drop a line to Penj. to-day to send any such package to me by the Semi-weekly stage.

We are well. Union meetings this week alternating among the churches. No special interest, but harmony and a good spirit prevailing. The Cong. minister is here now for a month, called to a years service, at \$1000. He is from St. Anthony, name is Clark. Seems to be a man of strong mind, pleasant and useful gifts, and a Christian Spirit. I hope that he will do a good work among his people. Our own circumstances are favorable. We had one of the best, if not the best, Christmas celebration ever held here. Singing was exceedingly good, and gifts to amount of nearly \$150.00 were distributed to Church and Sunday School. Since then we have raised \$240 by a special effort among ourselves, and liquidated the remaining church debt. Our people are strongly united, and very kind to us.

I hope that your affairs will assume a pleasant shape now, and a new era of prosperity dawn over your Church. Where will Pro. Arnold labor?

Pro. John writes to me that he does not feel himself well treated in the matter of his salary from the Board. He claims that you stopped his appropriations. He says that his commission dated from Jan. 1st, 1867, and ran for 12 mos., but says also that the quarterly allowance was to be granted until Oct. 1st, the end of the session of Dubuque Pres. We wrote to Dr. Jackson last report, Sept. 27, and the reply was (if I remember his former letter, was not to me) a willingness to grant him further aid. He also writes to Manuel to admit the statement, that it was after he had written to the Board, (before he had received reply, I presume), and sent some statement to the Synod, and had not correspondence with any of them, save that he corresponded with Pro. Prentiss with regard to us. He is a narrow, selfish, and of a cold, in his ways, impulsive, rash, extremely sensitive, but is, I judge, a warm-hearted Christian, endeavoring to serve the Lord faithfully, and with very great devotion. We must have al-

lowance for him. He may be one of the "least of these my disciples" to whom the cup of cold water given may ensure a blessing. I do not think him fitted for the ministry, though he may do good in Christ's cause. He wants to join our new Ppty. What think you of it? Please sit down and write me in full about him, and what you know of him in his movements of late, and especially about the salary business. I wrote to him a few weeks ago telling him that he must be mistaken in these things, for I know you and I know the Ppty. and did not believe them capable of any injustice.

How is Craven getting along? How does Mr. Lyon succeed?
With love to your household,

Yours truly,
James Frothingham.

Bro. John is still very seriously canvassing the question of leaving Galeville in the spring.

A book at Bro. Ainslie's, "Support of Zion", please send with the package. Our Sunday School now numbers about 70 scholars.

Schenectady, Jan. 13, 1867.

Rev. Mr. Shelton Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Mrs. Potts allowed me to read your letter to her of November 25th, and yesterday I invited the ladies of our congregation to meet & consider what we can do. Our anxiety is to know from you what is, for your purposes, the best way. I have never had much faith in the plan of sending boxes, because it seemed so liable to a "hit & miss" sort of thing, the probability being that a large part of what is sent will prove useless. I may be wrong in this & would rely on your judgment & experience. Will you therefore take the trouble to write me, & say what is best. Is the cash preferable? What can be made up of "goods" contributed should be sent how? In box, or in barrel? To you for distribution? Do you wish any special articles of clothing, & of what kind? Shall it be sent by express (at our expense of course,) or how? Are the Missions of your region likely to be much incumbered by the poverty of the Board of Domestic Missions? We in this region of your old associations would be glad to sympathize with you if we can. But you & your brethren after all are to be envied.

Make such suggestions as occur to you, & let me & my people consider what we can do. With regards to Mrs. Jackson, believe me as ever, sincerely your friend,
J. Trumbull Packus.

49 West 11th St., New York,
Jan. 14th, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear bro.:

Some ladies here desire to make up boxes of clothing, for two or three Missionary families. It is a private social circle not connected with any church. They have applied to us to designate the families. Will you please let us know of such Missionaries as need boxes. You had better have them write giving a description of the members of the family, size, age, &c. They had better indicate what they need. Please attend to it immediately. The ladies are in the humor and want to get to work and do it all up in a week or two. Write giving all the necessary information to

Mrs. Oden M. Allen,

United States Appraisers Office,
94 Trinity Place, New York.

They have your address ready and will send up the boxes immediately upon the receipt of your letters. They think they can supply three families.

Yours truly,

William M. Packus.

Farmington, Minn., Jan. 17, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Returning from Minneapolis to-day I found the bundle. It will aid us very much. The unmade material, the underclothing, some articles to be made over for the boys, all such things are never out of place in our family. The little boy's suit will just suit our youngest. Mrs. Tanager appreciates the shawl, skirt, bed covering, &c. The hat fits me exactly, the black coat also & blue pants. The blue coat sleeves need lengthening a little. We all send thanks to you & thro you to the donors.

I wrote you yesterday criticizing the card. I thought

then that they would not be struck off till corrected. I see you or the printers corrected several things. The main change I would have made is to state that there is public worship "every" Sab. evening. But we may change this arrangement. I now return from Vermillion Church, after a days work there, & preach at Farmington. I do it voluntarily, & may not continue. So the card is a good one. Please send me the bill. Also, unless you have a special fund for the purpose, you should have left the express bill for me. If I know when you pass, I will see you. I am often at the depot when the train passes. Always come out on the platform & into the passenger room. Indeed the train stops long enough to walk to the parsonage & back. Or if you can lay over a day, all the better.

All send best love.

Fraternally,
Charles Thayer.

New York, Jan. 17th, 1867.

Dear Brother:

I have on hand 5 part worn frock coats, 3 of them are each 42 inches around the waist, 2, 37 inches each, and one 44 inches. I measured the seam that goes around the coat which I supposed was the waist. One overcoat 49 inches under the arm holes. One vest 36 inches. 2 vests 44 inches each. 1 light Angola frock. I have also two pairs boots No. 8, which have been repaired and might do to wear about in the week.

Also some shirts if really needed, some socks and hose for little ones from two to 4 years of age, and a lot of old collars, some quite good. If you know of any person at present who really need these things, please let me know as soon as you can, and I will send them direct to you, if that will answer. If you do not know of any one really needing, I will save them or part of them as may be, for a box.

How is the Missionary provided who made his own little comfort for housekeeping. Is he supplied comfortably or what does he now need most. I was truly sorry that you could not visit us when on east. Trust some future day we may have that pleasure.

I am without any regular help at present have but little spare time, but did not dare any longer to defer this business as so many if I only knew them may be needing what we

have on hand.

Remember me kindly to your wife whom I love for your sake. Also Mr. and Mrs. Ainslie, where is Mr. Ainslie now?

Yours in Christ,
Amelia Kerr.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Owatonna, Minn., Jan. 21, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of the clothing, which came to me last week, through your kindness. The goods were all just such as I needed. And they came at a time when I did greatly need some of the articles. The last overcoat you sent is just such a one as I wanted. I might make the same statement in regard to each of the garments. These gifts from abroad make our people feel like thanking God & taking courage. The ladies here (some of them at least) almost regret that they have let the eastern ladies excel them in their gifts.

I wish I could express my thankfulness to those good people who were instrumental in securing such a valuable package of goods. And the lady who sent me the suit of black must certainly have known my want & anticipated my own intentions. Please thank them all for their kindness.

May God bless all their efforts to promote the interests of this kingdom.

Your Bro. in Christ,
R. H. Cuminham.

South Bend, Jan. 24, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My very dear Brother:

Your kind and very fraternal letter has come duly to hand, and the fruits of your considerate and noble generosity (I speak of both you and your excellent lady) have been received, all safe, without any risk that we know of, or trouble on our part. Thank you, Brother and Sister beloved, thank you cordially and fervently for the riches of your liberality, both the money and the clothing, and thanks be to God for the unspeakable gift of His grace in your hearts, and

for endowing you with the means of exercising with beneficence. I can assure you there never was an exercise of liberality more opportune, or more highly appreciated than yours on this occasion. There is only one drawback to the exhibition of thankfulness, which your generous gifts, especially the pecuniary one, have yielded us, and that even enhances the value of it in our eyes. (I take you to be the pastor of the Presbyterian Church there, perhaps I am mistaken,) and that is, that Mrs. Jackson, in her noble, self-sacrificing generosity has perhaps robbed herself in some way, has had to deny herself many enjoyments if not comforts, to afford her the means to minister to our wants. Should ever the case we would be very loth to accept the noble donation, while entertaining the liveliest notions of gratitude and kindness towards her for it. If however, we are harassed in the persons or the case i. e., if either I am not addressing my ministerial brother or hostler, or if that beloved brother and his amiable lady are in better circumstances than missionaries in general are, and are well able to afford some deeds of beneficence, then I gladly congratulate you, and I am happy to tell you, that your generous donation went to supply real wants and which would have had to remain unsupplied, as far as any other prospect of supplying them, especially the pecuniary ones, that I can see, had not your excellent lady come to our relief; and as to the clothing, owing to the judicious selection made, in which (you will I am sure, excuse the suggestion) we thought we also saw the delicate taste and judgment of the lady; went much further toward supplying our needs in this respect than donations which we have sometimes before received, of more than twice the bulk and weight of this, to say nothing of the estimated cost. I humbly believe this exhibition of true Christian fraternal affection and liberality on your part, have served more to deepen my feelings of dependence on God, and of thankfulness to Him, and to you in particular and others in general, His people, and to strengthen my attachment to His church and cause, than anything that has occurred since my coming into this field. Dear Bro., you have laid me under obligations to you which I do not see that I will ever be able to discharge. On one thing however I think you can count, and that is on my thankfulness to you and your lady, that I and my family will never forget your kindness, but will cherish the memory of it fondly while we live. Also, I think you can reckon on my fidelity to the truth and to that cause which above all else, I know

you love, and on perseverance in humble and feeble efforts to serve it, while I live. I have made some sacrifices, as the world calls them (but what sacrifices can we make for Him who gave His life for us) to come into this field and to stay in it. I don't in the least regret it. The longer I stay the more deeply convinced am I that God has a work for me here to do. I could sometimes wish that that work were less difficult, not less laborious, that some brethren who were in the field before me could place a little above the feelings of distrust and jealousy into confidence and fraternal fellowship, that they could not see and realize as doubtless eventually they will, that in Nankota there is a work for me and a few people to do, which they (the above brethren) could not do, that we can influence, and are influencing, a class of people in Nankota, which no other church can reach, and which, if not cared for by us, will remain neglected, and that the work done by us, so far from interfering with the success of any other church or retard it, will only in the end benefit the other churches, and help to promote their prosperity. The materials with which we hold are not available to any other body, not even to our brethren. If any brother is hurt, it will only be by his own conduct. Meanwhile dear father pray for me, and may God give me grace, available to pray for you.

In reference to the "box" from Dr. Boardman's church, we may be disappointed. I received an offer of a box from New Brunswick which at the instance of beloved brother Lyon I transferred to another brother in view of the use from Dr. Boardman. In the letter from New Brunswick received by me one which I sent to transfer the box I was informed that Dr. Janney had written to them last of family's wants had been supplied already, (referring to a donation from Metuchen, N. J., at the opening of which Bro. Lyon was present and which he pronounced utterly inadequate, many of the articles being unavailable to the season.) And hence B. S. Lyon made the arrangement with Dr. Boardman's church to supply the deficiency. But Dr. Janney unaware of this arrangement, misled Bro. Lyon and forestalled the matter (it is too delicate for me to interfere in it) write in the same manner to Dr. B.'s church as to New Brunswick, and so frustrate our expectation. If so, no harm to it. God reigneth, Jehovah jireh that is enough. Thank you again, dear father and sister in the name of our wife and entire family, and may God preserve your life, lengthen your days of usefulness and beneficence, you

and your lady, and bless you both with grace and the means to perform many such acts as these and reward you both abundantly in His Kingdom, for them all.

With sincerest gratitude and most affectionate esteem, I remain your unworthy but faithful brother & fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ.

J. M. Pryse.

P. S. Can you tell us what has become of Dear Bro. Lyons. We have been expecting him with the most ardent desires, since last week and have not seen him yet. Did he start for this place from thence? We should be very glad to hear of him.

Schenectady, January 25, 1868.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I enclose a draft on New York payable to your order for \$60. It is the larger part of money very cheerfully contributed by some of my people in response to your letters. No effort was made to get money, or it would have been larger. I did not indeed intend to send any money until receipt of your last letter.

Tomorrow (D. V.) we will send four barrels of clothing &c., much new & some not entirely new. It will be sent to you, & the distribution is left entirely to yourself with exceptions hereinafter mentioned. Some of the clothing may not be in your judgment suitable for your ministerial brethren & families. In such case do what your good judgment directs, & make the best use of it in your power. We might not have allowed some of the "second hand" articles a place in the barrels, but for your letter and Mrs. Pott's statements. Mr. Johnson of Albany very kindly sends the barrels "free" of charge. Please let us hear promptly as soon as they arrive safely.

Mrs. Backus has marked some articles & packages with your wife's name. Those are for her. In addition we wish you to select for your own family whatever you fancy to have, or feel the need of. Please do us the favor to take what you may desire first. Our people feel that you should not be fastidious on this point.

With regards to Mrs. Jackson and best wishes for our feeble attempts to sympathise with our

Missionary Brethren,

Yours affectionately,
J. Trumbull Backus.

P. S. Some of our youngsters have contributed a few
toys for the children. I hope their effort to please, tho
so humble, will make them Missionary Spirit. Mrs. B. would
send a few sugar plums, & perhaps she is right.

Resolutions unanimously adopted by the members of First
Presbyterian Church of Rochester, Minnesota, at a Meeting of
the Congregation held Jan. 25th, 1869.

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Resolved -- That where we as a Church and Congregation
accept the resignation of our Pastor, Rev. Sheldon Jackson
and write with him in petitioning Presbytery for a dissolu-
tion of the pastoral relation that has existed between us,
we would take this opportunity to express our deep and grate-
ful sense of his earnest and faithful labors among us.

Resolved that the labors of Mr. Jackson have been great-
ly blessed during the five years of his pastorate here and
many, we hope have been brought to a saving knowledge of the
truth and the Church has been greatly increased and strength-
ened.

Resolved that while we regret the separation that is to
take place, he with his family will have the prayers and best
wishes of this Church and Congregation for their prosperity
and success in the wide field of usefulness to which in the
Providence of God he is called.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be presented
to Mr. Jackson and a copy sent to the Presbytery of southern
Minnesota.

(Signed) James Eider.
President.

(Signed) T. H. Titus.
Secretary.

New York, Jan. 29, 1858.

Dear Bro.:

Your kind favor of the 2d inst. came duly to hand enclosing bill for Mary Chapin's schooling & board to April next for \$68. for which amount please find enclosed check.

I am happy to be able to report my health as greatly improved. Indeed I have been better in this respect of late than for a long period past. I trust it may be continued to me for some time to come. It is like a new life to me. Pray that I may be fully established in good and well founded hope of the life to come. This privilege of giving is full of reward and one of its most immediate fruits is that it secures the prayers of many who have power with God and prevail.

Our years business in common with very many here as well as of others elsewhere both at home and in Europe has resulted in loss. I hope, however, we have touched bottom and am glad to add that we have hopes from several and diverse circumstances that this years business will prove more advantageous and as far as general affairs will allow more prosperous than heretofore (Deo volentis)

I notice with satisfaction what you state as to the Co. pastorate and altho you give us no hint as to the merits of the affair, yet I doubt not your own situation as well as usefulness will be thereby improved.

Yours very truly,

Wm. R. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Rochester, Minn.

New York, Jan. 30th, 1858.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Very soon after the receipt of your last letter, we prepared a box of clothing for each one of the families you mentioned as requiring aid, namely, Rev. J. W. Rankin, Rev. Samuel G. Ware, and Rev. R. T. McManon, and also one for a Missionary nearer New York, who asked our assistance through Dr. Hall. Today I received a letter of thanks from Mr. McManon and presume I shall hear from the other ministers very soon. I hope all will be made comfortable by warm clothing sent them. They have the sympathy and prayers of God's people

and will have their reward from him who said that even a cup of cold water given in His name should not be forgotten. Mrs. McCormack sent me fifty dollars which she desired me to send to you and to which I have added fifteen dollars the residue of money collected to purchase articles for the mission boxes. It is to be used towards the payment of some loan made by yourself. I do not exactly remember Mrs. McCormack's statement as it was two or more weeks since she referred to the subject and then during the confusion of packing the boxes. You will understand the kind intention of our Christian friend. Mrs. McC. had your letter to me till within a few days, which has prevented my sending the Observer to Rev. Mr. Lyon. We do not take in Presbyterian, but if I cannot procure one from a friend I will willingly send one dollar fifty, to pay the necessary subscription when you inform me to whom it must be paid.

I hope God is blessing you in your mission work and giving you souls won to Christ. It is late on Saturday evening or I would not send you so carelessly written a letter, but as you may need the money I will not delay longer.

Your sincere Christian friend,
C. L. Walker.

117 E. 21st St.

Lansing, Iowa, Jan. 31st, 1888.

Dear Bro. J.:

Your letter came in due course of mail, and gave great satisfaction. I enclosed it to Bro. Crawford, that he might understand Bro. Joth's relations to the S. Minn. Pres. I also wrote to Bro. Joth, stating some of the difficulties in the way of his uniting with our Presby. On reading over again his letter of Nov. 29th, I see that he gives a statement of his trip to the N. S. Synod, and his passing examination before Presby. I wrote to you what he said in his last letter, which statement conflicts with his former letter, just as it does with your letter. I do not think him intentionally falsifying, but as very nervous, and writing on the excitement of the moment, and thus making heedless charges and accusations. He had better stay where he is, if in the N. S. Presby. for we do not feel solicitous to have him come with us.

The package came to hand safely, costing only 25 cts.

freight. Many thanks for the articles enclosed. Mrs. Frothingham has made a muff and cape from the victrola. It is a very fine fur, and a most acceptable gift to me.

Our Union Meetings terminated very pleasantly at the end of the third week. This week the Meth. & Cong. have alternated in having meetings, which I have attended. We preferred to have none on all Saturday night, which will be our preparatory lecture. The interest seems to be abating. We shall have a few accessions. Emma Ratchiff is teaching a country school, has not been in this winter, still remains aloof from the church.

I am requested by a friend to make inquiry concerning some land near Rochester. Can you ascertain for me? It is about 3 miles from Rochester, was entered by one Charles Cramer, and is now owned by J. W. Griffin, of Canton, Bradford Co., Penn. It is an eighty. It was offered for \$1000. Can you find out where it is, and what kind of land, what its conveniences for roads, markets, wood and water, and how much it is estimated at? If so please let me know as soon as you can.

Mrs. Frothingham has had a sharp attack of bilious disease, for two or three days, confined to bed, but is now convalescent. My own health is not very good. Regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours truly,
Jas. Frothingham.

56 W. 10th, St., Feb. 5, 1866.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

The enclosed note from one of the ladies of my church, enclosing the \$100. which I now send, will explain itself. It is with great satisfaction that I forward it.

As the lady intimates, let no public acknowledgment be made, but that you may let her know that you have received it, I send you her address, "Mrs. J. L. Graham, 21 Washington Square, New York City".

Fraternally yours,
Alfred W. Kellogg.
Pastor University Place Church.

My dear Friend & Pastor:

Do you not think if the enclosed were divided between 10 or 5 missionaries, it might help a little? There might be some case of sickness, and as you know Mr. Jackson's address, you can forward it from "a friend", without waiting for the cold weather to be over.

I wish I could say it was a deprivation, a self-denial, but I am very economical, though it may not seem so, as regards all personal expenses. I have only one restriction, please say nothing, & if you know any better way, appropriate it at once.

Very truly yours,

J. M. G.

Tuesday.

Feb. 12, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Near Pro.:

I am very unexpectedly "brought up standing". Our freight train, time north 8 A. M., to be at Owatonna before the train east on your road, is detained about two hours this morning, being ordered by Superintendent to stop at Blooming Prairie & load on a saw-mill.

The trains had been irregular for a time in consequence of the storm, but there is no difficulty on that account now, & there has been none for two or three days.

The agent informed me Monday, of the new arrangement about carrying passengers on freight trains, which pleased me much, as it would save me one day, which is very valuable just now. He notified those going early this morning, of the detention of the train.

It will do no good for me to go, & get there tomorrow. I was half way to the depot this morning, with your bundle under my arm, when I ran against the stump, & turned back.

We propose having a festival next Wednesday evening to raise money. Called a meeting Monday evening to make arrangements. People seem very much interested in it. Pray that God will put it in their hearts to exercise great liberality & that we may use what He may thus send us, to His glory.

All well.

Yours fraternally,

H. A. Mayhew.

Bergen Point, Feb. 12th, 1868.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Yesterday was shipped by express to your care a large box, for distribution. When I gave your letter to Dr. Paxton, he said you had misunderstood his meaning, as he knew we wanted to sew for some families with children.

We began, Mrs. Schuyler & myself, by prayer that God would give us work & something to do with. You can see how bountifully our prayers were answered. In the box are some things not asked for, & some more we could not get in, books, hats, & some smaller things. We had \$28. dollars in money to send for the Buffalo's & bedding, but when the box & trunk went to the office, we found that the franking was a small portion & that the charges were beside this deduction was \$28.69.

In the box is a bundle marked for Mrs. Campbell, one Miss Chapin, one for the lady who wanted a pair of kid gloves, & one for the gentleman for a shawl. You or they must not feel that these are only old clothes. Not an article has been sent by any one but what was in use by them at the time, each piece has gone to you cheerfully & with the wish they had more. I understood you were here a while ago, you know then the church is small & not rich, & in debt, & this is an outside call of love, but responded so cordially, so kindly that I cannot help telling you.

The sheets, 2 pair of blankets, the heavy winter shirts, & colored shirts, the pillow cases, handkerchiefs, stockings, two quilts, pillow ticks, the saddles & rubber over coat covering & such of the clothes as will fit them, go to the young men 130 miles from St. Paul. Will you please give us their name & post address? When you write them I wish you would say we would be glad to hear from them.

With the hope that all will go well, & be of use, & more than all that they are received in the same spirit in which they are sent. Mr. Alden ordered the books as you wished & were sent by Carter because we had not room in the box for all we had. With kind regards & best wishes, I remain with respect, yours very truly,

Maria W. Alden.

P. S. Please direct the inclosed note to the young men and also send us their address & ask Miss Chapin to write

to us.

Please direct to my husbands care --

Osdon W. Alden.

24 Trinity Place.

New York.

U. S. Appraisers Office.

My dear Bro.!

It is with great pleasure that I enclose another \$100. to be distributed by you at your discretion. It is from a "Miss Maria Balsted, No. 117 W. 37th St., New York City," the name to be reserved.

I have the promise of \$50. more & hope soon to be able to send you the remainder of the \$200. asked for.

I am very truly,

Yours in Christ,

Alfred W. Wellogg.

56 W. 10th St.

Feb. 18th, 1868.

Anoka, Feb. 19, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Many thanks to yourself and others for the package of goods & clothing which arrived to-day. With very few exceptions the articles are just such as were needed -- some of them much needed. With much inconvenience we have waited, as it seemed to us a long time, but the goods have come at last.

I do not know why the Lord sent me here. Sometimes I feel inclined to doubt whether I have read aright the indications of his will. I cannot well give to you on paper the circumstances in detail, but my misgivings are at times exceedingly painful. Yet I have reason to bless God that my labors here have not been altogether vain. At three or four of my preaching points there is an increased and growing religious interest, and some souls are inquiring the way of life. The large numbers that come through cold and storm and distance to hear the word, is of itself encouraging. Otherwise I could not undertake what I am doing. I ride every Sabbath 14 to 26 miles, and preach two or three times at different points. Take last Sabbath as an example. I rode

7 miles in the morning & preached at 10 1/2 o'clock; then without waiting for dinner rode 7 miles more & preached at 1 o'clock, then went 3 miles more & preached 3 1/2, then 3 miles home. One Sabbath in Jan. the thermometer indicated 45° below zero. That day I traveled 14 miles & preached twice. Some three Sabbaths afterwards I had a much harder trip. I set out at sunrise the mercury at 25 below, directly facing a cutting wind, & what with bad roads & a slow horse, reached my appointment at 11 o'clock -- never so nearly perished. My horse's nose was hung with icicles several inches in length, he was white with frost, my beard was almost a solid mass of ice congealed from my breath, my nose & ear slightly frozen. What makes it so much worse, I have no suitable outfit for such rides. I have not a particle of fur to wear, not even cap, collar, or gloves, except a pair of old cast off cuffs. But none of these things move me, neither do I count my ease or comfort dear to myself, if only I may fulfill my ministry, and preach Christ faithfully to all who are willing to hear, and they are many.

Perhaps, Bro. Jackson, I owe you an apology, am not sure. Did I answer your last letter concerning the school in Rochester? If not, please excuse me. I made up my mind that I could not undertake to continue the school, could not write immediately, and possibly neglected it. If so, it was not intentional.

Mrs. A. joins me in grateful acknowledgments for the favor of the package, and in kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Jackson.

Yours very truly,
P. S. Abbott.

My dear Mr. Jackson:

I enclose you \$65. from "Mrs. Storer, Mother & Sister" (No. 9 E. 32d, New York City) to help make up the balance of \$200 asked for by you for the Minnesota Missionaries.

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Alfred W. Kellogg.

56 W. 10th St.,

New York City.

Feb. 20, 1868.

Kingston, Minn.,
Feb. 20th, 1868.

Bro. Lyon,
Dear Sir:

I returned yesterday afternoon from Monongalia Co. (with Bro. Jackson) where we have been laboring the past week, & drop you a few lines to let you know how things are moving on here. I have been laboring in the "Big Woods" as far as 35 miles east of Kingston, at different points, having this place as head-quarters, there being as yet no opening for a home among the people I have been preaching to. Bro. Jackson has found it impracticable for some time to reach Monongalia Co., owing to the heavy drifts of snow on the prairies. Last week with two horses we forced our way through, breaking our own road. The people in Monongalia Co. are anxious to have the stated means of grace, & the Methodists have already made an inroad there. Lest our cause should suffer, I have consented to go to Harrison & make my residence there for a while, & Bro. Jackson will take my points of preaching in connection with Kingston. Owing to the unworthy conduct of several church members at Harrison, the organization of a church has been deferred. Such a step however will be taken soon. The prospect for a church at Kingston are encouraging. I saw Bro. Harding at Forest City last week, he hopes to organize a church there before long. Was had three additions to his church at Greenleaf by examination.

As there was no money forth coming from your appeal east, as yet in my behalf, & my note at bank was nearly due, I obtained through Dr. Brown a month longer to pay it in, & hope I may receive aid before that time.

I have now been in the work here for some time, & as yet have received no aid except from Mr. Riheldaffer, through his appeal for this field, & that I was obliged to turn over to liquidate part of my debt at bank at St. Paul. I am & have been without money for some time. Board bills & other necessary expenses press upon me. I feel that I am in the Lords work & he will provide. I shall labor faithfully in the field West of this, as long as Providence shall direct. The people at Harrison desire a married man, say they could do much more for him in the way of donations of provisions &c., than for a single man. Do you know of any such person, who would go there. Bro. Jackson & I have just written to a classmate, A. H. Millham, about the field at Harrison, in reply to a letter inquiring about the field here. He is married & preach-

at Galway, N. Y. Thanking you for the interest you have already taken in me, & trusting that God will abundantly bless you in your labors, I remain,

Yours truly,
H. R. Wilson, Jr.

P. S. Please direct to Harrison, Homongalia Co., Minn.

414 Broadway, New York,
Feb. 26, 1868.

Dear Jackson:

Shall I continue Messengers for this year? I want the seed to be sown where it will do the most good. Results we leave with God. Please advise me early. I find the Papers do much good in Bro. Lewis's county & adjacent ones in Wis.

How are you progressing? Not a line from you in months. Remember me kindly to all in the field.

Yours ec.,
J. S. Powell.

My dear Sir:

A lady, "Mrs. W. L. Skidmore, No. 131 W. 13th St., New York City" handed me the enclosed after lecture last evening desiring it to be appropriated at your discretion like the other sums which have been sent you through me. I hope the last two sums \$100 & \$65 reached you safely.

Faithfully yours,
Alfred P. Kellogg,
56 W. 19th St.

Thursday.
Feb. 27, 1868.

New York.

49 West 11th St., New York,
Feb. 27th, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Your letter has this moment been received and as the case is urgent I send you my own check for the money and

will trust the Lord to refund to me. Enclosed find check for two hundred dollars upon my Banker, Wm. Hoge, No. 46 Wall St. I presume you can have it cashed in Rochester. If not, send it back and I will send a regular draft upon a bank. I find however that my check passes current anywhere. My heart is pained at the condition of our Missionaries. I hope we will soon remedy things in the board but I fear the relief will not come for about a year.

Yours truly,
William W. Paxton.

South End, March 2, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Very dear Brother:

Your very kind fraternal letter containing your generous gift, the second check, has been duly received and as we cannot adequately express, I leave you to conceive the gratitude to God and to you, which I and my family felt on the receipt of it. We only regretted, while it enhanced our appreciation of your self-denying liberality, that it confirmed my suspicion, that the first donation came from your own private purse. And the apprehension still haunts me that you have been robbed to help me and mine. Dear Brother, let it not be so. Though the gift was a Godsend, though it helped to supply real wants, and I would not know what to do except to trust in Providence had it not come, yet if the bestowment of it, tended to cramp your means, or to abridge the comforts of your family, I would still rather return it, for I could see nothing gained by taking from your domestic enjoyment to add to mine. I would be happier to suffer on the lack of many comforts, in the consciousness, that no good brother's temporal happiness had been impaired for my sake. I think I have enough of the spirit of self-sacrifice, not to have my real enjoyment increased at the expense of my fellow-laborers. Though on the other hand, if you can afford the gift, without effecting the physical comforts of your lady and your family and I need not say anything about your "willing" because that on your and your Lady's part, has been sufficiently evident, if not too much so. I can only thank you both cordially and fervently, and pray God to reward you a thousand fold for the love you have shown in doing this in the person of one of the humblest of its servants.

In reference to the 2nd donation I feel more easy, (but not more thankful you may rest assured) although I trust I am not lacking in appreciation of the generosity of the donors of that gift. They have attached me strongly to them, though they withhold their names, and more firmly than ever to the blessed cause we all labor together to promote. You and they have succeeded in placing me under obligations, I know not how I shall ever be able to discharge. It is a pleasure however to feel under obligations to those whom we love. Though one feels an irrepressible prompting to make some return and my pen is so feeble, so poor. I am all out of patience with it, in endeavoring to express my feelings -- I can only promise you faithful labors, in return for all your kindness (results belong to God) while I am permitted to remain in the field. A word in reference to my part of which will no doubt interest you -- as an act out of the state and prospects of yours would greatly interest me, should you have the leisure to send me a few lines to that purport. Here at the end the cause is making steady progress, especially in the English language (our evening service being in English). We have a full and sometimes a crowded house on Sabbath evening. We have a young choir which has already added much to the interest of the service. We reckon on an increase of population next spring and summer preparatory to the coming of the R. Road through here. Several public enterprises of importance are now in contemplation. The increase of population will we trust effect the church favorably. At Lakato since the opening of the hall, we have been making progress. At there we have to encounter a subtle clandestine, but indefatigable opposition, which there is no way to meet, but by quiet, invincible perseverance. However the opposition is beginning to react. Efforts to keep the people from our meetings are beginning to fail. The people are beginning to break through them, and to come, in spite of them. Such efforts are foolish, because if there be not law, there will be soon materials to build up both congregations without injury to either. And I have abstained from all appearance of proselytism. May God reward, preserve and richly bless you and yours.

Affectionately and fraternally,
J. N. Pryse.

Please present to Mrs. Jackson the Christian regards and love of Mrs. Pryse and myself. We both feel greatly indebted to Mrs. Jackson and you. A pressure of duties has interfered

scmewhat with the writing of these letters, but I prepared them as soon as I possibly could, with some degree of care & deliberateness. Feelings are hard things to be expressed in words.

 Minneapolis, May 4, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have been very remiss in acknowledging receipt of saddle & bags, first because McLeod was away for 2 or 3 days, & I waited for him to come back & report, & 2nd, when he came back I forgot.

I owe new obligations both to the good Lord, & his minister for the gift -- seems to be a good saddle, have not ridden it yet.

McLeod did not understand about the bags, that they were an attachment to the saddle, such as another saddle you sent. Besides, he is to start home in a week, & would not be justified in purchasing so good a pair. I will return them, unused, the first good opportunity.

As to boarding for Dr. Elder, I dont know of any, but have no doubt could do so, if I felt authorized to set about it. I am ashamed that I forgot to see to it promptly. If he still wishes to come, let him send in definite instructions, & I will at once look out. Boarding is I believe 5 to 7 pr. week in private family. There is a good boarding house across the street i.e. has a good table, quiet enough but no religious principle. All in usual health. Bro. Samples youngest child hopefully better. Love to Mrs. J. Urge her to come.

Fraternally yours,
 I. Faries.

Mr. Lisher has paid his note.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
of the United States.
Branch Office, 432 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Phila., March 6th, 1860.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Bro. Lyon wrote me lately that he could not get along with less than \$1150 a year, not including \$100 a year for Insurance Policy, which he said would have to drop. I have arranged for his insurance this year & have spoken with Dr. Janeway & Musgrave & others of Executive Com. of Board in favor of having his salary raised to at least \$1200. They are favorable if he is considered the man for the place by the Brethren. There is no reason why Bro. Lyon with family should get only what Bro. Mitchell & others get who are single. Bro. Mitchell is not here & will favor increase of salary to Bro. Lyon, and recommends that you should write to Executive Com. stating the desirableness of retaining Bro. Lyon, & his need in view of family, expense of living, &c., of having at least \$1200. I wrote to Lyon about ten days ago, at suggestion of Dr. Janeway, advising him to make an appeal for \$1200. Mrs. Lyon had written to Board, without Lyon's knowledge, but such letters often do more harm than good. It looks as though a woman thought her husband incompetent to attend his own business, & sometimes a woman will make a touching appeal which is found out to be deception, & thus the Board have learned to be suspicious. Lyon does not get over I suppose that his wife wrote & you can tell him or not as you think best. Mitchell has business with the Ex. Com. next Monday which will make it best not to bring up Lyon's case until meeting. Please write your letter as soon as possible. It was through you greatly that Lyon was appointed, & hence the propriety of your writing now.

Fraternally yours,
W. W. McKim.

414 Broadway, New York,
March 6, 1860.

Dear Bro.:

Yours at hand. I will continue them, & see what can be done for Lake City. I think you can say to Bro. Ammin, I

will send the 40 copies. "The Lord will provide."
Yours in the field,
J. S. Howell.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Kingsport, Minn..
March 31st, 1890.

Rev. D. C. Lyon,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Brother:

Your letter to myself & Bro. Jackson came to hand & also your last with receipt of express sent. We were glad to hear from you & thank you for the kind words manifested in our behalf. I was disappointed in not hearing a favorable answer from Pittsburg. I had hoped to have received aid from that source, & without pecuniary aid I am unable to go on with my work here. I refused a competent support in St. Louis, in order that I might persist in developing the field here. Do not think I am discouraged, I only desire to state how matters stand. I owe \$100.00 at bank in St. Paul, & have had the time extended for the payment of this until the 25th of this month, when this payment must be made if I have to borrow the money elsewhere. Perhaps you could borrow the money for me on interest at Rochester for two months. If so it would greatly oblige me, & also may perhaps come in the meantime. This debt was incurred to obtain a horse to labor here. I am now obliged to borrow money from Bro. Jackson to pay my board bills here, before going to Harrison. I leave tomorrow for Menongalia Co. We have had 12 inches of snow lately, & are stuck in the trails are impassable. The work is developing itself in this part of the field. Bro. Jackson & I were out on "Red Wood" a week ago, preaching at Alton, the day after, Yesterday I preached at Lake Collingwood, South of Kingsport. With Kingsport as a center, & having Fest & South of this, a field can be carved out, which will give abundant labor for our man.

The people in Menongalia Co. are desirous of having a married man to labor among them, & could give such a person by donations of provisions, fuel, etc. Do you know of any such person that would be suitable for such a field?

We shall organize a church at Harrison the last of next month. Could you not be with us at that time? I expect

Florence Metz.

go up to Glenwood, the new County Seat of Pope Co., to look at the field there. It would be a stepping stone to the N. W. for our work, & might aid in extending our work in this part of the state. If you can come, we will furnish you with a horse & the trip could be made at little expense.

Hoping to hear from you soon & praying that God will bless you in your labors, I remain,

Yours truly,
H. I. Wallace, Jr.

Pope Co., Miss., Dec. 10, 1891.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Pro.:

I have been taking advantage of some cases of distress among missionaries in Wis. & northern Ill. to try to get funds for the Board while waiting for them from the Board. I in process have made an effort in Rochester and wish to explain how you would think I was disposed of even within a number of years which I should be very glad to do. When I was in Kansas I understood from Mr. E. H. Haines of the Board that he had resolved to send their monies here for the Board instead of sending them to the Board. I learned afterward that formal resolution had been passed to that effect. I thought so this I had spoken to the school of the Board, & they had given their funds to the Board for the support of the mission one of these Mr. H. H. Haines was the object of the mission instead of leaving them to give an arbitrary amount as Dr. Hall & others seemed to prefer. The Board's action since that time the Board's commission. Dr. Haines' action gave me notice that we should give the monies to the Board, therefore, to the mission, and I reported the same. The teachers resolved to give the monies to the Board, with a request to the Board, to be in communication with a representative of the Board. Meanwhile they would send you some monies for the mission on hand. If I had fairly and honestly reported the matter, I should probably have said nothing to all the Board of the disposition of the monies, but I have reported the same channels anyhow. And I have reported the same thing working through you where I have heard of it.

The 1st Ch. School held a teachers meeting on Wed. day
after my address, but it was too small to act, & was
adjourned for a week. They were to write me in regard to
have not heard & fear they have not received favorable
and contributions to the S. S. Union. They will
for you when you come East again.

Yours truly,
S. S. Union

LEWIS CLARK, No. 3. 1.
March 17th, 1850

My dear Bro. Jackson:

I am not certain this morning whether or not I was a
lady to whom I am indebted for the money. Please
say. If this will do as I intended it. I
ways feel embarrassed in such cases. I hardly know what to
say. My gratitude is lively & deep but I can't make it ap-
pear in anything I can write. I would have to write
accent all my words with the acute & grave & circumflex ac-
cents & then go in for the disjunctive & conjunctive accents
of asoretic Rabbis.

I only send one letter now. If it will do for either
case send it & tell me how to write the other. Was glad to
know you reached home safely. About 10 minutes after you
left I received a note from Lyon for you from Vernon.
But I thought that you would see Lyon by the time I could send
it to you. The Phila. box has arrived, two of them & such
a box you never did see. Come & see it. We think of keep-
ing store. I sometimes feel encouraged here. I guess some
good will be done. I dont give it up yet quite. All yours
in love to yourself & family. A great deal of love to your
family.

Yours in Christ,
G. A. Annin

Take it, please,
March 11th, 1850

My dear Madam:

I labor under the disadvantage of writing to a
friend & benefactor, but feel it a privilege to do so.

Within a few weeks I have received from my friend & brother in the ministry, the Rev. Sheldon Jackson of Rochester in this state, fifty dollars (\$50.00) being, as I understand him to say, half of a remittance received from you in response to his application to relieve the necessities of ministers in this part of the country.

Will you please accept my very sincere thanks for the very generous & timely donation. My salary was insufficient for my support & my church is poor. The people in this parish were obliged to exert themselves greatly to raise what they do for my support & this timely aid places the church as well as myself under great obligations. I look upon all such unexpected interpositions as special providences in my favor & as so many instances of the vigilant care of him who numbers the hairs of our heads & who has promised never to leave or forsake his children, -- of that divine goodness which ought to lead me to renewed repentance & to more consecration to his blessed service. Will you not pray Madam, that this may be the happy effect of this & other kindnesses by other friends upon my ministerial & personal character.

My family unite with me in lively gratitude for his goodness in this matter & in the expression of thankfulness to you, & we pray that inasmuch as we shall not be able to make you any compensation, the Lord will fulfill to you his gracious promise to his children, will lift up the light of his countenance upon you & give you peace.

I would further ask an interest in your prayers for my Church that God would be pleased to pour out his spirit upon us & thus revive his work. I am, Dear Madam,

Yours most truly in gospel & Christian
 love,

John A. Anna,

St. Anthony, Ind.,
 March 13, 1850.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Very dear Bro.:

This morning's mail brought me a draft for one hundred dollars from Albany. I feel greatly indebted to your kindness for this opportune contribution to my needs. The Lord will reward you for it.

Bro. Wilson is with me. He is invited to spend a part of his time in Minneapolis, and may preach in the Central Church of St. Paul next Sabbath. The way does not open here.

The Westminster Church expects me to accept their call. I propose to do so. The salary is raised to \$2000. The next communion will probably be held on the 2d Sab. of April. I hope it will be convenient for you to render me some assistance. Will write you again.

We received seven persons to the St. Anthony Church on profession since my return from Rochester. Others express hope.

I trust you will have a precious in gathering at your next communion.

Remember me very kindly to Mrs. Hazeltine. Let her stand fast in the Lord, and be a brilliant star in your crown of rejoicing. I often think of, and pray for Miss and that aged singer, who expressed a desire to be accepted in the beloved.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Very affectionately your friend,
F. W. Sample.

P. S. I have just observed that your communion will be on 2d Sab. of April. Perhaps ours can be deferred

Chenectady, March 13, 1868.

My dear Mrs. Jackson

I received your kind letter & hoped long ere this to reply to it, but so many cares & poor health too, give me little time for writing. I almost feel as if I already knew you. I certainly feel very much interested in the welfare of your family & in the good work in which you are engaged & I know that with all your trials & discomforts you must enjoy much in the thought that you are laboring in our Saviours cause; & that nothing occurs to you or yours without His knowledge & consent, & therefore it is all sent in great love. The picture of your dear little girl is before me as I sit writing, & it is a gratification to us all. I had no idea till this winter, how much self denial & suffering our Western Missionaries were enduring. I imagine that but few in this region have the least idea of it, and wise in some way more could be said about it in our religious papers. I think

it would do good, & be the means of opening the eyes of many Christians to facts, the result of which would be an increased contribution to our Domestic Miss. Board. I trust that our cold weather is about over now, & that some relief will follow to those who have suffered so severely. Give my kind regards to Mr. Jackson in which my husband would join were he at home. But he is at present in Philadelphia as a member of the Committee on "Reunion". I would like to write you a longer letter this evening, but I desire as soon as you see by this, & my pen quite as bad, so I must close, with the earnest prayer that you & yours may be abundantly blessed & sustained in the work of winning souls to Christ.

Affectionately your friend,

A. W. Jackson.

P. S. Before I close, I wish to inquire if Mr. Jackson received in a letter a short time before the barrels were sent \$10.00 for his use. The letter had no signature, & I thought I might have sent it to Wisconsin instead of Ill. as I frequently write to friends in that state. If so I presume it has gone on to Washington with no hope of recovering it. I trust it may prove a blessing to whoever receives it. Please excuse this scrawl.

49 West 11th Street,
New York, March 22, 1860.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I have just received your letter enclosing me to Bro. Pryse. I neglected to answer Brother Pryse's letter through a press of engagements. He suggested that the money I sent should go towards your salary. This would meet my most cordial approbation and if the money is not expended let it be so applied.

Yours truly,
William A. Jackson

Chatfield, March 13, 1860.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Will you please hand the inclosed to Bro. Pryse when you see

arrives at your place?

In November I received a line from Dr. Robinson of Brooklyn, asking whether the ladies of his Ch. would be allowed to send me a box &c. Though he did not mention your name I suppose the request came through you, as I consented to have you send my name. On further consideration, I concluded that as we had hitherto, so we could now live without such assistance; & wrote him accordingly. Am just as thankful to you, as we should be if we were wearing the Brooklyn clothes.

How is Johnson, the Colporteur? Hav'n't heard from him since Kemper came through on his way from Presbytery. Have thought of writing to him. Is he still in Owatonna?

Have been pleased to read the favorable reports of your Ch. from your pen & bro. Sample's as published in the Presbyt. We have had no revival interest. One or two conversions this winter. One young man joined by profession the 1st inst. I expect to attend the Assembly. Hope that you & Mrs. J. will visit us next summer.

With kind regards to you both & the best wishes for your success in the ministry, I am in Christian love

Yours truly,

J. L. Howell.

Harrison, Monongalia Co., Minn.,
March 16th, 1868.

Dear Friend:

The assistance sent me through Rev. Mr. Jackson was gratefully received. For six months I have been laboring in this field without any aid. Waiting patiently, knowing that I was in the Lord's work, & that he would in due time, raise up friends to aid the cause here. It was no doubt in answer to fervent prayer, that God put it in your heart to send the necessary means. I confidently looked for support, but knew not from whence it would come.

A few words with regard to the work here, might not be uninteresting. This is one of the extreme Western frontier counties, of Minn. I am the only resident preacher of any denomination in this County. There is not a single church as yet & only one school house. We meet for preaching generally in stores & private houses. New-London, the county is composed of a few log dwellings, having two or three families in each

house. The people are just moving into the county. As soon as they can build their houses, & raise a crop on their farms they will be able to give something for the support of the gospel. Most of them are unable to do anything as yet. A lady said the other day, "We are hungry for the gospel". It is a pleasure to preach to such.

Thanking you for your kindness & praying that God may abundantly reward you, I remain,

Yours truly,

C. R. Wilson, Jr.

Harrison, Menongalia Co., Minn.

March 16th, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Brother:

Your letter was received last week, with the check for \$25.00 enclosed. I thank you heartily for the aid rendered. It is the only assistance I have had since laboring in this field, and encourages me in my work. I trust that an organization will be formed here soon. The people here desire a married man, & could support such a person by donations of provisions &c., better than they can a single man. Perhaps you or Bro. Lyon know of a suitable person for this field. The work seems to be making progress in this part of the State, & three or four Churches will be organized West of the "Pig Woods" this spring. The Cavalry saddle I do not require, as I have one.

I have written two letters as you required. You will please add the names of the persons, as I am not aware who they are.

Tell Brother Lyon I hope he will be able to get up this way next month. I should be glad to see him, & his visit here would aid the cause.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken in me & praying that God may abundantly bless your labors, in the ingathering of many precious immortal souls into the fold of Christ, I remain,

Your brother in Christ,

Henry R. Wilson, Jr.

Albany, March 17th, 1868.

Dear Sir:

Having seen several letters written by you respecting the trials and sacrifices of our Home Missionaries, I wish to contribute a widow's mite, to the alleviation of their sufferings. Please give the enclosed \$5. to the neediest Home Missionary with a family that you know of. May our Heavenly Father put it into the hearts of his people at the East, who amidst all their abounding mercies, know so little of the trials of those who are bearing "the burden and heat of the day", to give of their abundance, for the relief of His suffering servants. Please acknowledge the safe receipt of this money, by a letter addressed to the care of my son, Clarence F. Jenkins, Albany, or to the care of Dr. J. T. Backus, Seneca Falls, where I expect to be after the first of April.

Mrs. M. E. Jenkins.

Evota, Minn., Mar. 20, 1868.

Brother Jackson:

Dr. M. W. Jacobus, in sending a box, which we received this week, requested me to write you. Will be glad if you write to thank him and his kind people for their benefactions. They estimated the box at (\$400) four hundred dollars and I think perhaps not any too high. It contained about 70 vols. of books worth about 150 dols. The clothing was all good, excellent. Mrs. T. was well remembered this time. Addie danced when I opened the box. Among the books was Webster and as I had one of the 15 hand pictorial, I have that perhaps Vawter would accept of mine. It is not little ruined and not a leaf torn. Will you write him and let me know if he has one or not, and if he will accept it. I can easily exchange it in a book store if there is no one needing.

Mrs. T. is slowly convalescing. Her cough keeps her from gaining much strength. Addie is very well and plays with her dolls & sticks with much pleasure.

Join with us thanks for blessing. Mrs. T. joins me in regards to you & Mrs. J.

Your Bro.,

A. L. Thomson.

Cambridge, N. Y.,
March 22, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

The Ladies of my church are desirous of filling a box for some one of our Missionaries at the West, and hoping you to be familiar with many of them. I want to see you to aid them.

They have usually been put in communication with some needy brother and learned from him the wants of his family, the number, and ages of each, and the children, what things would be particularly necessary, and then they have tried to supply them so far as possible. Be so kind as to make the selection for them and send the same, that we may write to him, or send a "descriptive catalogue" of the family as you may think best. If you know of any other plan by which their benevolent purpose can be accomplished, please state it, and make any suggestion your editor knows of, which our affairs at the West may enable you to make. Our desire is to aid some of our brethren every year, so far as we can.

I am happy to hear of your success in the ministry; may the Lord prosper you more and more, and while sending you a blessing, fill your soul with the peace that passeth understanding.

My wife joins in kindest messages to yourself and family. I wish you could attend the Gen. Assn. - this year and come to Cambridge, and spend a Sabbath with us.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am ever,

Yours very truly,
C. H. Taylor.

Albany, N. Y.,
March 28, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have delayed writing you, hoping to be able to respond favorably to your request, but my people are now under such pressure that I think it impossible to get time to do anything now. I read your letter & made an appeal for you at the Prayer Meeting, but with the little response enclosed. We have so many things before us that I do not wonder at the lack. Almost every day I receive letters urging us to give help. Some one is constantly going from house to house, with

the list of my numbers, waiting for bills & that object. But, if I can get a chance, I will press the Audsby matter again. I say this, however, not in the sense of a promise.

With true sympathy, believe me,

Your brother in Christ,
James M. Ludlow.

New York, Apr. 5, 1868.

Dear Bro.:

According to an intention to go on one of my late letters, I have now the pleasure of sending you enclosed a check for one hundred dollars. You will please apply the same to your missionary fund for the support of the brethren to whom you have made pledges. I take much interest in this work of course and hope as I am able to send more.

Hope to send on Apr. 15 Mary Chapman as Mrs. West. I am glad to report my health & spirits much improved by answer to prayers as I believe. Have me in remembrance in yours as I also have you and your work in mine.

Yours truly,

Wm. P. Jarway.

Rev. Samuel Jackson,
Lebanon, Minn.

1868.

Bro. Jackson:

When you appoint a day for general or special services, as we usually do appoint such as during the week of prayer, please appoint in connection with it a meeting of the Church and Congregation, at my request.

I am unwell to-day -- unable to go to my appointment.

Your fellow servant,
Geo. Ainslie.

South Bend, April 14, 1858.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Very Dear Bro.:

It is with pleasure that I comply with your request. I am still afraid that you wronged yourself by that act of selfdenying generosity to me. If in any strait, let me know. I am happy to tell that my labors in Mankato are beginning to prove effective and successful. We have the best choir of singers in Mankato, full congregation most of the time, and sometimes crowded -- the tide has changed and we may soon expect a crowded house all the time. But I never dreamed till recently (informed from sources that I cannot hesitate to credit) what an amount of opposition has been brought to bear to defeat our enterprise, so vigil and ceaseless, and unscrupulous as to means, and assertions, and which we must continue quietly to bear still for a time, till it reacts -- which reaction has already commenced. The author had better see to himself in time, -- though from me he has nothing to fear. My plan is to work on, and leave my cause to my Master. I would be very glad to see you, and have you spend a Sabbath for me, and occupy my pulpit for the day, I can promise you a congregation now. The prospects of both places are brightening. Depot to be built at the Bend. Do come, if you possibly can, there are many things I should like to consult with you about. In fact I shall ere long, if things will go on at the present rate, need a Colleague, (a good outside worker in this field). We are soon to have a large accession to our church in this region. The churches of the Calvinistic Methodists (some 6 or 8) are moving towards union with us. The same in Wisconsin. Come to see me, if you possibly can. At all events write. Where is Bro. Lyons and how is he, and what is he doing? Our united Christian regards. Love to your excellent lady.

May God bless your labors wherever you may be.

Fraternally & affectionately,

J. M. Pryse.

Janesville, Waseca Co., Minn.,

April 15, 1858.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I discover through every issue of "The Presbyterian", that money is being sent to the Pres. Board of Publication

for the purpose of sending Hodge's Great Work on the Attainments to our Northwestern Missionaries. I claim to be one of that class, and have no money to buy books with and I feel sometimes that "intellectually" I may perhaps be going backward. I sometimes feel like crying almost, when I read notices of Publication of Great Works that must be store-houses of knowledge, and recollect I am too poor to buy one, without taking the necessaries of life almost from my family. Perhaps you or Bro. Lyon can propose my name, humble name as a "candidate" for one copy.

I see statements in my last Presbyterian of several dollars being sent for the purpose already intimated. My moving from Oksan to Janesville has cost me \$35 or \$40 dollars perhaps \$50, and I am about half that amount in debt. Bro. Jackson, I know too I have not spent one dime unnecessarily. I mention this to show, that I have but a poor prospect of being able soon to buy books. I presume an effort on your part or Bro. Lyon's would be more effective with the secretary of the Board of Publication than any of my own.

Accept my kindest regards for you and Mrs. Jackson.

Your Bro. in Christ,
J. E. Vawter.

Office of JANEWAY & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF PAPER HANGINGS,
Warehouse, No. 51 Dey St.,
Manufactory at New Brunswick, N. J.
Wm. R. Janeway. Henry L. Janeway. Joshua J. Goodrich.

New York, April 15th, 1868.

Dear Bro.:

On the 8th inst. I sent you a check for \$100 to be applied to your Missionary fund and I now have the pleasure of handing to you enclosed a check for the same amount and for the same object. One half of the amount I received from my sister-in-law, Miss Sarah Hartshorne, and the other from Benj. C. Clark, Esq., a member of Dr. Imbries Ch., J. C.

I have in previous letters sent you contrabutions from Mr. C. and mentioned his case. He is not a member of the Church, but a very estimable and also liberal man. He is the son of a pious mother now deceased and of Scotch Irish ancestry. A man formed in a noble mould of fine and most gen-

erous impulses. Pray for him. If grace were added he would be a shining light.

Yours truly,
Wm. R. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Rochester, Minn.

Lime Springs, Howard Co., Iowa.
April 10, 1899.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Thank you for your very kind remembrance of me and mine. When your late note was received, after a very brief consultation with my family, it was decided to write at once to Rev. Dr. Condit. Your letter had been a week or more on the way, and we judged that if the good people of Oswego were waiting to hear from us at the time of your writing, they might be in suspense, and so it was thought best to defer writing you until we should hear from Oswego. We heard from Dr. Condit only yesterday. In a kind note he inquires in behalf of the ladies of his church, the number, size &c. of members of my family &c., &c.

We had resolved -- not formally -- not to be any longer the recipients of such benefactions, thinking there were so many more needy than we, and we had been helping ourselves as best we could. Our people had been more liberal in the way of donations. The girls, by teaching, had done something towards their own expenses of clothing &c. Norman had also paid his own way the past summer. Grace had been teaching music at Frankville, boarding with Mr. Crawford. Nellie taught a summer school at Chester. Norman went on a surveying expedition in Wisconsin for a few months. But when all expenses of outfit, fare &c. were paid, there was scant provision made for maintenance during the winter.

I am expecting to be sent as Commissioner to the next Assembly -- the nomination made last fall, will probably be confirmed at the meeting of our Pby. here, 27th inst. This will involve expenditure for clothing &c. and we had been calculating on \$60 due to Nellie for summer school to meet this extra. But just about the time your letter came, we heard the news of the robbery of our County treasury, making it altogether probable that we could not receive that money

~~under have fall~~ This circumstance had much weight in de-
 ciding us to write at your suggestion to Dr. Condit. Now
 that his letter has been received, we have thought it best
 to give the items of information desired, although we have
 some hope that we may not be in so much need at the time
 when the kind intentions of the ladies of Oswego shall be
 executed. But we are engaged in a Church building enter-
 prise & wife says if the expected benefit come to us when
 we can see that we might well have dispensed with it, why
 then we must do more toward the Church. Norman works some
 land this season. Should Providence give a bountiful crop,
 and the girls do well teaching, we shall as one of my parish-
 ioners says "be even with the world". But I want, if pos-
 sible, to send Norman to some good school in the fall. He
 has made up his mind to secure a liberal education, but as
 yet does not decide to devote himself to the ministry of the
 gospel. I cannot therefore avail myself of the facilities
 offered by our Bd. of Education to those in a preparatory
 course with the ministry in view. He is making good pro-
 gress in Latin & mathematics, and is a very consistent pro-
 fessor of religion. I am not without hope that he may ere
 long decide to become, with leave of Providence, a minister
 of the gospel.

How often have I wished you could come and see us. Our
 place has changed much since you were last here. Our Church
 is gradually growing in numbers. Yet it is a time of change.
 Some of our members have had enticing opportunities to sell
 out, and have done so. I trust these winds of change will
 blow them where they will be more useful than they other-
 wise could have been. Meanwhile there has been a large in-
 flux of Welsh Calvinists into our neighborhood. Already
 they have two Church organizations of near forty members,
 and I hear that another is now in contemplation. This lat-
 ter is some seven or eight miles north-east of Foreston.
 Foreston has pretty much subsided. I learn that the Congre-
 gational minister has ceased to preach at that place altogether
 but the Welsh have large Sabbath gatherings there. They
 appear to be "live Christians" and I think will unite with
 our body. I find their ministers very cordial, and two of
 them lately told me that they preferred the Presbyterian
 form of government to their own. I have invited them to
 meet with our Pby. at its meeting here, and have no doubt
 they will do so, but am not sure that they are quite ready
 to unite with us.

Do you know of any good -- and by that term I mean both

pious & energetic -- man that could take my place as the pastor of these two organizations? I feel that some one is needed here who can give more time to pastoral visitation than is possible for me, and there are other points to which I could give some effort with promise of usefulness. I have no difficulty with my people. All is harmony, but I feel that I cannot do them justice.

With kindest affection, all my family send love to you & Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in the Lord,
A. Craig.

Janesville, Waseca Co., Minn.,
April 27th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your last favor is duly received. I thank you most heartily for your kindness toward me and interest you take in my work. As it regards the cavalry saddle I bought one about six weeks ago, and paid a big price for it second hand. Had I known you could get me one it would have saved me twenty dollars which are now well needed. We have also got a Webster, Unabridged. I have had a letter you had lately published in "The Presbyterian" by some one of our number here in Minnesota who has received with us "benefactions" through you. I wonder why I could not or at least did not express these so well, but I must say "these are my sentiments".

You ask for statistical report for Okaman & Janesville Churches. I have no blanks, but you can insert in proper columns of your report the following items.

Okaman.

Total Communion (6) Six.

Board Domestic Mission 2.

Congregational. 40.

Janesville Church was organized in
March 1st, 1868, --as follows:

By Letter. (3) Three.

Examination. (6) Six.

Total Communion. (9) Nine.

Congregational (5) Five.

Prospects of success both at Okaman and Janesville rather better than formerly and I feel somewhat encouraged.

In haste,

Yours in Gospel Bonds,
John B. Vawter,
Janesville,
Waseca Co.
Minn.

W. B. Will regards to Mrs. Jackson. And I should
wish to know how Bro. Thayer is getting along in Waseca?
I hope you will keep things astir there.

Brooklyn, April 20th, 1868.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The circular with a few cheering lines from you was
received the 18th. I had been thinking of writing from
week to week but little doings keep me pretty busy. When
I received your letter saying if Mr. Rockwells box had not
come perhaps we might send in it a hat for Mrs. Jackson,
Mrs. Trask, Enos, Marie Trask & myself said we would do so.
I must attend to it. Eliza was away & storms so, delayed
me until too late, & I said Mrs. J. shall have a spring hat.
I will write to know how we can get it to her, but you see
that I have thus far failed to do so. How can you not get
a hat, if we send the money, that will suit better than I
should know how to do, taste considered, you can enquire the
price & let us know, but if this cannot be done, please plan
for our sending it from here.

I do most heartily rejoice that God has given you what
was needed to relieve your anxieties & carry on His work.
Your trust was honored, as such trust ever will be.

I have enjoyed a great deal the past winter in Conven-
tions, Sabbath School Institutes, & blessed meetings. How
many does your Ch. now number? & is the S. School well sus-
tained by good Superintendent & Teachers? With us Mission
Schools are most prosperous. Our city Missionaries & Bible
Women are doing a great work. We get the poor, degraded
mothers together for prayer & council, they bring their
children & are encouraged to believe we feel an interest in
both soul & body. They willing take the Temperance Pledge &
the Bible Women visit them often & witness wonderful changes
in their homes & husbands too. There has been unwanted suf-
fering as you can see by the Advocate, the same in Brooklyn
as N. York. Such multitudes have been put out of employment
you know, that we cannot hope the warm weather will do all

for them (when it comes). Were it God's will I should love to have a "long purse". It is hard to see the estimable suffer, when a little would relieve. I look at your with the Manse peeping out & wonder if it makes as pretty an appearance on the ground. I like the manual you sent me also the "Welcome". Do you circulate them? I always take everything from you to the Trask's & Mrs. Wyckoff. Mrs. Trask & myself have seen Mrs. Holliday a visit. He has a small parish near Newburg, plain but good people. Marie seems happy. He is an excellent man (about her own age) & I trust will prove a useful one in the vineyard.

It is getting dark & dinner time. Let me hear from you soon if convenient & speak of the children.

Much love for Mrs. J. & yourself. May God bless you more & more & fill the great West with His Glory.

Tray's Yours in Christ,

S. M. W. Merrill.

Where shall I enquire for

Mr. Jno. M. McKay.

Shall look in Directory. What Ch. does he belong to?

New York, April 30, 1868.

Dear Sir:

I thought of writing you, and acknowledging the receipt of your first letter, but so many active occupations crowded me at that time, that I was obliged to lay it by. Your second letter, so full of interest, is now before me. It seemed almost strange to think, that so little could do so much, and to make me almost ashamed of an offering, which was after all, but a very small effort of my means. It had had one good effect however, to make me more aware of the wants & necessities of those who are laboring for the Cause of Christ in the West, and impart to me a life-long interest in their work. It seems hard that those who are in the Master's service should be subjected to all these trials, but it is doubtless for some good, since God suffers it to be. Perhaps it is, that we should think more for them, & pray more for them, that their destitution has been brought home to us now, and though I cannot but feel how small a share I have to any thanks from them, yet it is a pleasant thought, that I have now an interest in their prayers, as they have in mine. I received a very touching letter from

Mr. Anan, which I intend to answer, as soon as time permits. We are now holding the Anniversaries, connected with the different Institutions, with which I have been connected, and I hope to be more at leisure afterwards. I forward you a report of our Bible Society, which I was obliged to write from the illness of our Secy. I think you may find some of the details of our work through our Bible Women of some interest. We think them most efficient laborers in the Lord's Vineyard.

I shall always bear of the Church in Rochester with much interest, and at all times be pleased to hear from you. As God prospers us, so I hope to have the privilege to give of His bounty, and though we have our vicarage here, yet we would not neglect our home.

Yours very truly,

Very truly yours,
Julia R. Graham.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

My Dear Bro.:

A member of my Church -- a lady, desires us to send you the enclosed \$30.-- to be appropriated at your discretion, either (1) to supply our missionaries with "Hodge on the atonement" or (2) to assist them in their temporal necessities.

In haste,

Yours fraternally,

Alfred W. Kellom.

35 W. 10th St.

New York City.

May 6, 1868.

New York, May 28, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Bro.:

Enclosed please find check for sixty-eight dollars in payment of bills of Mary Chapin. I am not sure that this is the correct sum having mislaid your letter in which you stated it. If not enough, let me know. I hope she will prove very efficient and usefull.

My health is better than it was when I lived in J. C.

What good labor produces in the study, the labor, and the success, or rather what it does not produce. We distributed also, given to our brethren, and 27th in Wisconsin and Illinois means acquainted with a number of names of suffering and labor. The greater support furnished our year Missionary, that will be said in reference to.

I must beg your indulgence for this long and poorly written letter. I am obliged to write in haste and my pen is poor

Yours very respectfully,
Mrs. E. L. Goodhue.

P. S. I resume my pen to correct a mistake in the above. I should have said the 1st and 2d churches.

Waseca, Minn.,
June 3d, 1862.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

You and our "Eastern Friend" have my grateful thanks for the kind and timely favor recd. from you through the P.O. yesterday. I doubt not your past labors in Missioning for our common Master, have made the Cause very dear to your heart, and your past experience has taught you beside many other valuable lessons, a reliance on our Gracious Saviour which I have yet to learn. I am therefore greatly encouraged by an assurance that I have an interest in your prayers. I am thankful to have it to say that my general health has been much better since I came here, than it has during the same length of time in the past year, and that I now enjoy almost as good health as ever I did. There are some things connected with this field of labor that look encouraging and some things again that are somewhat discouraging to me and make me feel hampered in my work. Amongst what I deem encouraging features are, the people generally attend church well and as many as I have called on who I had reason to think were disposed toward Presbyterianism have given me a cordial welcome, but, on the other side of the case, these (that is Church members) are very few in number and the great majority of the original organization live quite a distance from the town. Again, the fact is very patent to me that the Congregationalists hold the ground here, and are of a sufficient majority to maintain their present advantage-- they have the S. School in charge, which is a powerful arm of

influence anywhere. Again, the manner in which the Thursday Evening Prayer-Meeting has been generally conducted, is so very different from what I have ever engaged in before and so decidedly "noisy" on two occasions that I could not enjoy it. The exercises are voluntary. To this I can make no objection, if the fact of having voluntary exercises did not always convert the meeting into a Methodist Experience meeting. There are many earnest Christians amongst them and I doubt not they are all sincere, but I could enjoy the meeting more (and I have reason to believe there are others in the same case) if there was a change in the manner of conducting them. I do not like to make any suggestions of this point for fear they will think me exclusive and not willing to unite heartily with others in the good work. Again unless this town grows very fast by immigration very soon, and brings in some Presbyterians I can see but small encouragement to hope for a self-sustaining or even a half-sustaining organization here very soon. There are some few elements in the community which might be brought into our Church if God should bless his work here by an outpouring of His spirit and for this object and to this end I ask a continued interest in your prayers. I hope to be able to go to the coming meeting of Presbytery. I shall come to your city on the Monday previous and go with you if you intend going by stage & have no other company. I have recd. Cous. "Robb's" Wedding card. He is to be married tomorrow at 12 M. and I presume Providence willing, he & wife will be at Presbytery at Lake City.

Yours fraternally,

J. G. Patterson.

 Brooklyn, June 3d, 1861.

Dear Sister Jackson:

We were glad to hear from you all, but I do sigh in view of your wearisome round of earthly cares, which try so many of those who love, & truly serve God. Our Friday morn^g. prayer meeting (Women's Union) gives ample evidence of that--but many a burdened one goes away lightened & cheered from those sympathetic gatherings. Simply a church meeting, is nothing compared to the Union of different denominations. God has smiled upon ours from the beginning giving us answers, which so strengthens our faith.

D. V. Eliza & myself leave here Monday for Chicago (with

a party of Friends) to stay with them a month, & then return to Harkner Co. for another long visit. I should be delighted to have come your way. This will be our first journey West, & we expect to be delighted. I was ever so much pleas'd with photograph, now have the whole family, with house & Church.

Do not expect to return to Brooklyn before Oct. Feel very sorry that Mr. J. is having a recurrence of prostration. Wish he would take three wine glasses of cold bonesett each day for a month. It is a grand spring medicine.

It will be best for you to select your own hat, & I enclose six dollars. One can be better suited as to size & color trimmings. I was puzzled very much to know how large a bonnet would please you.

Mrs. Trask, Mrs. Enos & Eliza desire love, as does

Yours truly,

S. M. G. Merrill.

Do let me know if you receive the money. My letters will be forwarded.

Janesville, Waseca Co., Minnesota.
June 5th, 1866.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your favor came to hand last night and I proceed forthwith to answer. I am very anxious to attend Presbytery, but really do not know whether I can or not. I am a little sorry to say so, but I suppose that I might as well say it as not and that is this, I am wholly out of money. I cannot go without means. I know not how to ask the people here for money, as they pretty generally claim to be poor and "hard up". I wish Bro. Lyon to come out here sometime this summer and do for me as he did for Bro. Gage at Hasson, use his influence toward getting something from the people here toward my support. I really do not know what the people can or will do for me. Some one or two individuals have told me that they were ready to do all they could, if some one would go ahead with the effort. I do not like to ask the people for anything, as it would appear badly to some. If Bro. Lyon would come out shortly and spend a day or two with me, and talk to the people on the subject, he might do more than any other living man toward stirring up the pure minds of the

brethren to remembrance of their duty in this particular. My last quarter for this year will be up on July 1st and of course my Commission will be renewed. I am now "totally strapped". My private bank is broken, and I am compelled to suspend payment, and go in debt. I am now living by faith of the merchant in my "credit", and if this were to go on, my "credit" may have to be suspended also.

I am just as economizing as I can be. I try to save money all I can and do every thing to save money as is possible for me, and not appear mean. Expenses will come up that I never dreamed of. Moving only from Okama to Jamesville, a distance only of 8 or 9 miles was attended, in spite of all I could do to make it less, with an expense of \$40 or \$50 dollars. I do not think I can possibly live on less this coming year than I did last (\$600) six hundred dollars, in cash. I will not more,--hardly that--make both ends meet. I may pass through the year without debt, but I will not have laid up one dollar. I do not say these things in a discontented spirit, on the contrary I am contented and happy and so is my wife, and taking the last year as a whole, I have not since I have been in the ministry, spent a more useful or happy and contented year. I am laboring on here, not without some encouragement. I can see an increased interest in all our meetings. I am raising money for a S. S. Library, making arrangements to circulate the American Messenger among this people extensively. And again my services are steadily and well attended as could be expected, and the audience respectful and attentive. I take particular pains with, and encouragement in my Sunday School. The people are getting acquainted with me, and there seems to be less shyness among the "folks" than was at the beginning.

Could you not loan me, or furnish me in some way, with money to come to Presbytery. I wish to come very much, but cannot in my present circumstances. If you loan me as I suggest, I probably can pay sometime in July after I receive my appropriation from the Bd.

Yours in Jesus,

J. B. Vawter.

I have reced. "Hodge's The Atonement", two weeks and have sent acknowledgment long ago. From the last account I saw of the two Great Presbyterian Assembly's, I consider the Union movement very desirable. I sent Bro. Walters a letter of thanks long ago. Thank you also for your interest in the matter. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Owatonna, June 12, 1888.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

My dear Bro.:

I should have acknowledged sooner in reception of your note, containing check. It came to hand in due time and is gratefully accepted. I have been so incessantly occupied this week in trying to secure a house, (unsuccessfully as yet) that I have had little time, and the anxiety has driven away the thought in unoccupied moments. My family are mostly at Dr. Harsha's and two of the children are at Mrs. Whitlocks.

I feel encouraged, but I have not seen enough to inspire any great enthusiasm. But I do feel hopeful for some success, and will accept thankfully and humbly any greater measure I may attain.

My family are all in excellent health, and the only drawback to work and comfort is the want of a house. But friends here are very kind.

I fear that I shall be so occupied next week with house arranging that I will not be able to attend the Sabbath School Convention, which I will feel a great privation.

Come and see us and bring Mrs. J. Kind regards to her & to Mrs. Lyon & others.

Yours in the Gospel,
W. G. Wilson.

Saturday, June 16th, 1888.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

The ladies of my Church wish to employ some of their time this summer in making up a box of clothing for the Missionary's family. They wish you to send me the name of some brother who has a family of small children.

They desire to get the box off in the fall so as not to keep the objects of their kind endeavor too long waiting.

Trusting you are well & that the Lord is blessing you in your labors,

Believe me,
Cordially & fraternally yours,
George Nixon.

West Chester P. O.
West Chester Co., N. Y.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

I have secured \$10. for 2 of the cases mentioned in your note to Mrs. Gramam, which I at once forward.

It is from "Mrs. J. F. D. Lanier, 18 W. 10th St., New York City".

With Christian salutations,

Yours fraternally,

Alfred H. Kellogg.

50 W. 10th St.

New York.

14 June, 1902.

Kingson, Meeker Co., Minn.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

I rec'd. several days ago notes from you & Bro. Lyon respectively, informing me that a bale of goods containing bedding, clothes etc., was on its way to me. There was some misunderstanding at Clearwater in regard to the destination of the goods which occasioned considerable delay in their receipt, but the bale came to hand yesterday night. I desire to thank you most sincerely for your agency in the matter. The articles are for the most part of a very superior quality. The bedding comes very acceptable. There are some few articles thrown in which I cannot turn to immediate account as for ex. a pr. of boots & ditto of gaiters which are too large. There are also 1/2 doz. very superior woolen undershirts, of which article I am well off at present. However, some use may be found for them. I regard all such articles coming in this way as not private property but belonging to the field & shall hold them sacred as such. I shall of course write immediately a letter of acknowledgment to the lady in N. York who forwarded them to us.

Perhaps some of the brethren may think we are very slow about organizing churches out here, but to organize a church you need first some material & secondly, there must be a willingness or desire on the part of the Christian community to enter into such an organization, both which obstacles we have to contend against here. In my whole field, (Kingson & adjacent points to the East) I don't know of a single O.S. Presbyterian. Kingson is a very irreligious place. In any

villars the Universalist element being very strong. I hope some time this spring however, to gather together the Christian people I can in a Presb. organization.

In the field in Menomongeeton is now occupied by Bro. Wilson who is a Scotch element favorable of course to Free-Willianism, but they are exceedingly cold. I hope when Bro. W. leaves a suitable man may be found to take his place.

I am more & more convinced that for a Missionary to establish himself well in a place in a frontier country like this & draw out the benevolence of the community, he ought to be married & keep house. On account of not being in this situation, I feel all the while embarrassed in my work. It is easy to say "get married" but not so easy to do it. However, I will labor on & do the best I can & if things continue as they are will turn over the field in course of time to some more suitable person.

Bro. Millham writes me he has concluded to settle in Galway owing to the strong desire of the people. If convenient let Bro. Lyon see this letter.

I remain, very truly yours,
Daniel B. Jackson.

Ipsco, Western Minn., June 25, 1854.

Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

On the 21st of this month, I received your very kind letter & was glad to hear of the children of this village. I live 3 miles south of Lake Elvian, the lake is 6 miles long & 2 miles wide. Okaman is at the head & Janesville is at the foot of the Lake. Br. Vanders preaches at Janesville in the morning & at Okaman in the afternoon. I am a member of the W. E. Ch. I do however know that Br. Vantor is a good & an helping man according to the best of my ability as you will learn if you learn anything about it without any denominational sympathy. I am trying to glorify God especially in Sunday School matters. My trip on Saturday, the 23rd inst. will show you what I am doing.

I walked from home round the head of the Lake to Okaman & received the papers you sent me. Went down the lake 3 miles from Okaman to a point where I had been trying to get a Sabbath School. I had visited them twice before & succeeded in getting a School organized & now I learn that they have \$10.00

was subscribed for a Lyora, & after visiting the next of the families & leaving a paper with each of them, I started for home, & as the fresh. had taken away the bridges so that I had to wade one creek. In the morning the friends sent a man with a boat to carry me across the lake & thereby shortened my trip 3 or 4 miles. I got across the lake at dark, 2 miles of woods & 2 of marsh land was between me & home & some creeks & next day I had 2 Sabbath Schools to teach. The road was muddy, but the stars were bright & beautiful. I walked up the bank of the lake & met a man whose name is Wilkins, said he hailed from the land of Sabbath Schools & was lonesome & lost without Sunday Schools. His sympathies were with the Baptists, but he could work with anybody in Sabbath School. He had heard of me, & had hoped I would help him & the dear children there. I spoke to him of Bro. Crisman's School at Okaman. He thought the Okaman school could not reach their necessities & as soon as I can I am to visit them. So it is the Mosquitoes bit me. I got in another creek & at 10 o'clock I got home. I drew a long breath & said at home at last. I received a present of \$10.00 Libra. from the M.E. S.S. Union of Chicago last week, new books, half English & half German. This kind favor was from Br. Hitchcock, who has been my presiding Elder 8 years. For that Libra. I had a good place, 3 miles east of my house. There are 60 children & only 6 teachers. My book only met the wants of the one school. You will excuse my poor writing for I have been shearing my 14 sheep & my arm & fingers are stiff & tired.

The Lord of life & glory make you a flaming herald & useful.

G. W. Alexander.

Okaman, Waseca, Minn.

St. Cloud, July 1st, 1880.

Mr. Lyon,

Dear Sir:

It is only at your request that I apply for another box. If the ladies only know how happy they make us by these presents it would encourage them in their labors. We got two boxes last year but are nearly as badly off now as before. Some of our storekeepers deal in Groceries, Boots & shoes and clothing, as well as dry goods. We were so tightly pressed for money that we traded off all we could possibly get along without for things we couldn't do without. We did not like

to part with the things the Ladies so kindly gave us. We had some tea and coffee sent in one box which was as good as cash to us. If it were not for the Ladies in the East what would we missionaries do in the West? We have bought but little clothing since we came here and still we can scarcely get along. We are in debt nearly two hundred dollars for rent, groceries, &c. We borrowed \$150 dol. to bring us West. I took sick on the way and had to stop off. Then we came to Cambria in Wis. Mr. C. had been corresponding with the Elder of the Church there and he gave him to understand that he could have that church if we would go there, but when we got there they had engaged another man, so we boarded out the balance of our money and borrowed nearly another hundred: then we were sent to this place by Mr. Stewart Mitchell. When we came we intended to board but soon found we could not pay it, so we bought a small sized cook stove for \$40. a pine kitchen table and three Windsor chairs (we rented the bed and bedding) and went to housekeeping and then lived on five dolls. for the next three months. When it rained our house was full of water. I did my own washing and house work until I was taken sick when Jennie was born. Mr. C. taught school (does so yet to meet expenses) which left me part of every day alone. When baby would cry I'd try to quiet her, but could not move to touch her, so I'd cry too and wish I was at home where things were comfortable & I could have mother. We were intensely poor: used a newspaper for a table cloth, had no towels. We each had a little bowl to drink our tea and coffee from, made both tea and coffee in the same tin tea pot and cooked everything in the same pan. When Mr. C. came from school, he'd do up the housework. Then get to his sermon. He often did the washing and wasn't very handy about it. I scarcely knew whether to laugh or cry when I saw him at it. The first two years we were here the people gave us \$20 now they have subscribed five hundred, but its very doubtful about us getting it. We believe they would like to pay up but cannot get the money. Money matters are very tight at present. I must close having said more than I intended to do of our troubles.

Mrs. E. V. Campbell.

Troy, July 20, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dr. Bro.:

We have sent you this day some singing books for the Home Missionarys of Minn. They were bought with money presented us by the mother of one of the members of our "union" who a few days ago was called to join that Union which I trust you and I will one day be members.

Please acknowledge receipt and as you have long been in the Mission work perhaps you can give us some items of interest for our Monthly gathering.

Regards to all that ask after us.

H. J. McLeod.

Presb. Y. P. C. U.
2d P-... Cr.
Troy, N. Y.

July 10th, 1868.

Dear Sir:

When I received your letter, containing so many touching incidents of suffering among our Missionaries, I felt that much as I sympathised I could not at that time do anything myself. Now I am enabled to send you \$50. my sister adds \$50., a friend \$25., so that I enclose you \$125. to be applied as you deem best. It seems very little compared with what is needed, but as Mr. Kellogg sent you 50 I trust that it may relieve some most urgent necessities. It would seem to our earthly vision very hard, that those who go forth to carry the word & to preach Christ, should not have, at least, what is necessary to shield them from privation & daily want, but as we know, that there is a "reward", for all that God permits, so we must feel that in this too, there is a purpose, which shall be hereafter revealed to us.

When I received Mr. Anan's letter of thanks, it seemed so little that I had done, & yet what a rich return it had brought. If we could but make some feel, how the Lord returns tenfold, how much would be given. And yet we only give what is His. In presiding over the 50 Bible readers employed in our city, I have many demands upon my purse, as well as my time, but my husband wishes to give according to his ability. I am much interested in the success of a paper "The Christian at Work", & have directed that a copy should be sent you this year. Perhaps you may see best to send them some account of

Missionary needs, &c.

With very kind & deep sympathy in your Church & in the West,

Yours very truly,
Mrs. Graham.

Mrs. J. S. Graham.
20 Washington Square.

Harrison, Monongalia Co., Minn.
July 1880, 1881.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I visited, at the suggestion of Bro. Lyon, the Rev. E. V. Campbell at St. Cloud. At Kingston I met my Schoolmate, D. P. Jackson, spent the 4th &c. with him. Monday 5th we started for this point. We have been as far as Burbank. He has returned to his quarters at Kingston. I am now quartered in the loft of a rude log-cabin, but the family are a cordial couple with one child. I enjoy advantages for prayer and meditation.

Last Sabbath I preached at New London 7 miles north and at a small place -- Golies Lake in the P. M. I am obliged to foot the distance, until I get a horse. No prospects yet of such a thing, however. Bro. Lyon suggested to make an appeal in the "Presbyterian". What say you to this? I can't do much at Burbank, Painesville & other n'n'n. pts. until I have some conveyance. I am not complaining.

I find the people very courteous and some families quite cultivated. My presence seems acceptable and I trust in time much good may be done. Hard times are prevailing, and no work can be secured. Farmers are looking for some crops, which will fill their purses, and wear their eyes with gladness. The people welcome the R. R. as a herald of health and prosperity to them. We meet at this place (Diamond Lake) in the upper room of a store placed kindly at our service by a Baptist bro. and are subject to any whim which may attack him, and turn us out into the cold -- when it comes. There is talk of a school house going up for our benefit.

Some religious interest prevails in the settlement. I still find it ^{very} ^{desirable} for your favors in supplying us those \$9.

I want to take that mission map, and see missionary field on East. I go immediately after Synod. If you have it, will you please bring it on when you? I am confident of doing some good with it. If I meet you at Synod. we will look it over.

For my edification. Give my regards to Mrs. J. Hope you'll
write me.

I remain yours faithfully,
J. Alex. McGowan.

P. S. I have rec'd. a letter from a friend, Mr. Adams.
I advised him to write you. He is not healthy, but may be
as well as Patterson at Waseca.

Bro. Campbell at St. Cloud spoke of a buggy. The owner
wants \$40 & is repairing it. That expense will be placed on
it.

Have you a saddle for me, or do you know of one I can
get? Could I get the buggy at St. Cloud? Best fr.

Preston, July 18, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,

My dear Friend:

I send you by P. O. Order fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for
the Independent treasury. It is to be used not for building,
but for Missionary families.

I am glad that the Pasis was accepted by Presbytery. Our
church is going well but we will not have the dedication till
fall.

Yours truly,
A. J. Stead.

St. Louis, Mo.,
July 22d, 1868.

Brother Jackson:

Mr. Lyon in his last letter requested that I would send
you a letter of acknowledgment for the \$10.00 you sent me. I
was under the impression I had done so.

I date the letter from Harrison, as I was there when the
money was rec'd. I was sorry that I was obliged to leave
Minn & return to St. Louis.

I expect to preach there this summer, & if the warm
weather agrees with me, to sail for India & labor on heathen
soil. Thanking you for your kindness to me & trusting the
Lord will reward you & bless you abundantly in your labors

I remain yours truly,

H. R. Wilson, Jr.

Owatonna, July 23, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

My dear bro.:

Your favor came to hand yesterday, and was most gratefully received. It found me perplexed beyond measure, as I was trying to find, for the third time, some way of providing food for my family. And when I went to the P.O. and found your remittance, it seemed like a rebuke for want of faith, and the provision was as timely as that made for Elijah. I am thankful both to those friends who have thus contributed the money, and to you as their almoner. If we knew the anxiety sometimes felt by those who are in such a case, and the relief they experience, they would better understand the grateful appreciation of their Grace.

Will you please convey my thanks to those unknown (to me) friends to whom I am indebted for this and a former favor of a similar kind, received through you?

What are we all, who are dependent on the Board, to do now that the Treasury is empty. And in the interregnum is likely to fall us for so long a time. And why is it that not a word has appeared to us or to the Ch. at large about this destitution of the Treasury wh. cannot but have been anticipated for weeks past. If it had been some of the other Boards the Ch. would have heard of this before the disaster came.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in the Gospel,
W. S. Wilson.

Jackson, July 25, 1868.

Dear Bro.:

The law only allows common folks to send one letter for 3 cts. but here a Domestic Miss. refused by the B'd. (tho' not by the Lord) sends three. When I rec'd. your note enclosing \$25.00 I was at a loss to know whether the "present" was for me or our new church. But I rec'd by the same mail a letter from Bro. Sage of Kasson. who informed me that Bro. McGowan & myself were refused a commission by the Board, and exhorted me to hold on, as in Rev. Sheldon Jackson of Rochester the struggling missionaries had a true friend & sympathizer who often had relieved & transmitted contributions of Eastern friends to the relief of those in need.

From this I gathered that when Dr. Janeway's funds ran out, the Lord had some agents who as He directed supplied the deficiency, and I took it that you were one of these agents & put the \$25.00 into my almost empty wallet. If I am mistaken and this rightly belongs to the church building enterprise let me know & I will take great pleasure in handing it over to that fund & trust the Lord for my share.

We are not fixed up enough. The Methodists brethren have had a camp meeting & the people seem quite tired. I am trying to stir them up again & get our church building enterprise under way.

Hoping to see you here before long, I am

Yours truly,

Ed. Savage.

Please notice I have no middle initial in my name. E.P.Savage is the Baptist Minister.-----

Jackson, Minn., July 24th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your favor of the 17th enclosing \$25. was rec'd this morning. It indeed seems that the Lord has opened his treasury for the supply of the deficiency of the Bd. I came out here with the determination of staying as long as the Lord seemed to have work for me, trusting that he would sustain me. When I opened your note this morning, I felt as if I had lost all claim to any credit for thus trusting the Lord; for it does not require a great stretch of faith to trust Him when he sends His Spirit before our need to constrain the good brethren at the last to "lend to the Lord" for our support.

As the donor is unknown to me please do me the kindness to present my heart felt thanks for this kindly provision & assure him that with the Lord's help his bounty will go to advance the interest of the Master's cause. There is a vast field out here & much labor is needed. We are anxiously looking for you & Bro. Lyon to organize our church. I have the names of 16 within five miles of Jackson & 3 at Elm Creek 15 miles out who are desirous of uniting with us. There are neighborhoods south, west & northwest that I have not been able to visit yet, among whom I hope to find more stray sheep to fill our little fold. We have a subscription list started for a house of worship & hope that with some aid from abroad we shall be able to glory in having a Ch. erected before the enemy comes in to build saloons. Pray for us dear Bro. that the Lord will enable us to do much to withstand

will & build up His Kingdom in this growing region.
 With the hope that the Lord will still prosper you in
 your good work, I am ever yours in
 Gospel bonds,
 Edward Savage.

 Kalamazoo, Mich.,
 July 24, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,
 Rochester, Minn.

My dear Sir & Bro.:

I sent you by Am. Ex. (free of charge) a small
 package of clothing, that you are requested to give to some
 one of our Home Missionaries, who may need them. The things
 are not very nice, still will be considerable use. I was
 moved to send the articles, after remembering what you said
 of the necessities of some of the missionaries. The map &
 Pamphlets came all right, for which I am greatly obliged.
 When you write again, please inclose a few of your Ch. Circu-
 lars. I like the idea "wiser in their generation". Enter-
 prise in religious matters certainly is as commendable as in
 temporal. Your letter was also rec'd. in due time. I am
 stopping here for a few weeks vibrating between Chicago & this
 point. Having changed my plans somewhat since I saw you, it
 will probably be Oct. 1st before I reach N. Y. to remain per-
 manently. Will be happy to see or hear from you from time
 to time as circumstances may render it convenient for you.
 After Oct. 1st you may address me at 92 Broadway, N. Y.

With kind remembrances to Mrs. J. & with Christian &
 brotherly love,

Yours for the Master,
 E. C. Wilder.

 New York, July 27, 1868.

Dear Bro.:

Your esteemed fav. of 24th inst. is at hand. I esteem it
 a fav. providence, that I have been brought into correspond-
 ence with you and thro you with our missionaries.

At times I am much tempted to withhold more than is meet.
 Pray that grace may be given me to resist and overcome. In

Sep. next or sooner I expect to make you a further remittance.

Please acknowledge for me the receipt of Miss Chapins letter. She is quite too exaggerated in her expressions of thankfulness and after all owes it to Providence rather than to me. This having a charity fund to distribute tends often to blunt the emotional part of liberality. Having the money it is easier to give away more than to raise one sincere and fervent feeling of love and gratitude to the great Giver of all our gifts.

Yours sincerely,
Wm. R. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester,
Minnesota.

Mr. Jackson:

Favor of 24th rec'd. Enclosed is check for one hundred doll's. for the Miss'ies. Can't write more at present.

Yours truly,
H. K. Corning.
July 29, 1868.

Do you receive the Ch'n at work?

Saratoga Springs,
Aug. 8, 1868.

Rev'd. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find \$4, proceeds of the sale of some toys, which I shall be pleased to have you disburse, where it will most promote the comfort of the laborers in our Master's Vineyard. Mrs. Backus tells me that there are some young men laboring out West, with out any compensation from the Board of Domestic Missions. If you think they need it more than the Missionaries with families give it to them. I leave it to your judgment to do with it as you think best. I have a little more money in prospect, and wished to wait until I received it all, but Mrs. Packus advised me to send this at once. Wishing you great success in your labors of love for the souls of sinners, and requesting an interest in your

prayers, I remain,

Truly your friend,
Mary E. Jenkins.

I hope the ladies may be able to fill a box this winter for the Home Missionaries; and any information which you can afford us, as to any family or families, age and sex, who may need assistance, and what they will most need, we shall be glad to receive. Please acknowledge receipt of this money as soon as convenient. My kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and a kiss for "Daisy". I think that is her name and her photograph I have seen at my sisters house.

Austin, Aug. 15th, 1855.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

In behalf of the Elders of our Church, as well as myself, I write this letter to you, knowing & feeling that you would take pleasure in doing us all the good in your power. We take freedom to write you in reference to this matter, and to be plain we are but few and poor and not able to do much. We have all that I think we can possibly handle this year to get our Church out of debt and kept running, and we have understood that Mr. Mayhew got eight hundred dollars last year, and the present year he has no assurance that he will receive more than four hundred that he gets from Presbytery and we are afraid that if we can't get for Mr. Mayhew this year as much as he had last, we will lose him for eight is small enough and knowing that you and Mr. Lyon know something of our circumstances thought you could help us out in some way and the Elders, Mr. Rankin & Johnston desired me to write to you on this subject and as I am young in the Cause you must excuse any mistakes or errors that may be. A deep feeling for our little Church and blessed Master prompts me to write.

Yours truly,
J. C. Day.

Jackson, Minn., Aug. 19th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I am anxious that you & Bro. Lyon should be here as early in the week as you can. I have had my hands full, visiting some of our people who have been sick, & preparing for my Sabbath exercises.

Having no "Sanctum" this latter only requires no small labor. I want you & Bro. L. to stir the people up about building a church. I am determined to have it go on if I have to be architect, "boss carpenter" & laborers, all at once. If you come by Winnebago by the stage you can't get here till Saturday night. If you come by Mankato & Madalin you can get here on Friday P. M. & by Blue Earth you get here on Tuesday morning. But better than all if you come by a private conveyance you can get here "when you have a mind" May the Lord bring you as soon as possible. Hearing no countermand of the last order from Bro. L. our people expect the organization to be effected on Aug. 30th. It is of great importance to us that it be as soon as possible. The Methodists have organized a church at one of my preaching points with several members.

Hoping to see you soon & make your acquaintance "in person, I am ever sincerely,

Yours in the gospel of a common
Saviour,
Ed. Savage.

Macomb, Ill., Aug. 19th, 1868.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I hope you will excuse a stranger for addressing you. I have often seen your name in the papers and knowing you live in a comparatively new state, I thought you might give me the desired information.

The old school Presbyterian church here is large and able to help others if they would get about it. We want to make up a box of winter clothing for a Domestic Missionary's family this fall, and I thought you might know of some faithful Missionary in some part of Minn. or Iowa, whose family might need clothing the coming winter.

The funds of the Board are exhausted and I do feel that the churches can and should take hold of this matter and supply the wants of our beloved over-taxed Missionaries as

far as clothing will do it.

If you know of any such family I wish you would write to them to find out what clothing they need most, the ages, sizes and sex of their children and also if they would like bed clothing and please let me know as soon as possible that our society may get to work.

Respectfully,

S. W. Craig.

Macomb, Ill.

P. S. I would like to send a little money if I knew of a Missionary in immediate need.

Waseca, Minn.

Aug. 20th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have just seen Maj. Young. He says they will enclose the building, & give it two coats of paint on the outside and sheet it, then put the tarred paper on it & board it vertically on the outside & batten it for \$1650, dimensions 22x46. This is independent of the cost of the paper, which he does not know. Or he will finish it for \$1930. Another party has made a rough indefinite estimate at \$1800 finished size 22x45. I think Maj. Young will do just what is right in the matter and he is a "No. 1" workman. Will you come up to Waseca this evening and we will conclude a contract? Please bring with you the dimensions of those windows and the cost of the tarred paper. I shall look for you this evening.

Yours in haste,

J. G. Patterson.

Waseca, Minn.,

Friday Evening,

Aug. -21st, 1868.

My dear Bro.:

I rec'd your note this evening informing me that you would come up to Waseca on Tues. evening and preach. I am very glad to accept of the proposal and hereby express my approval of the wisdom of such a measure to have the subject

brought before the people. I will announce service for the evening, and so agitate the matter in other ways as to have you a good audience. I hope Bro. Lyon will be present too. I shall expect your presence on Tues. evening. I saw Maj. Young again this evening, and told him we would conclude a contract with him when you come up next week. You know I am inexperienced and I wish therefore to have your counsel and approving presence in the matter. I saw the Mankato Stage Ag't. & he said he would take you over in day time if there were four of you. If you wish to make any further arrangements & will write me, I will attend to the matter for you. I am very glad to tell you that I had a note from Bro. Ewing this evening, saying that because of affliction in the loss of his little son my case had been postponed, but that he had laid the matter before his people on last Sunday morning & in the evening took up a collection amounting to \$80. He thought there would yet be some additions to this sum and he would send me a check for the whole amt. in a few days. I am very much encouraged by this manifestation on the part of his people and hope & pray that the blessing of God may rest upon them abundantly. I hope you will bring one of those windows with you if possible. If you have any opportunity before you come up next week, I wish you would see Gen'l. Sprague or Mr. Stewart and ask them whether we could not get a reduction of freight on lumber from Winona and stone from Kasson. I wrote to Bro. Gage concerning the stove yesterday but have not heard from him. I will mail you the photographs.

Your Bro. in Christ,
J. G. Patterson.

New York, Aug. 24, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Bro.:

Enclosed I have the pleasure of handing you a check for one hundred dollars, in aid of your Missionary Fund.

My health of late seems greatly improved, better in fact than I have enjoyed for some years.

Yours truly,
Wm. R. Janeway.

713 North 20th St., Phila.
August 27th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

A day or two after receiving your letter, I was called into the country upon business, and only returned yesterday. Before I left I called upon Friend Powell, and after some introductory & leading conversation, I stated that I had received a letter from Minnesota asking me what was the trouble in the Board in ref^c. to Bro. Lyon, &c. I learned from my interview that the Executive board had received no complaints against Bro. Lyon or his mode of labor, but that they had become tired & somewhat impatient of his dictating letters, that he had seemed to have misunderstood the nature of the work the Board had given him to do, aiming to get as many men into the field as possible, and occupying feeble points rather than strong, salient ones, thus increasing the expenses of the Board greatly instead of aiming to help the Bd. in its need, and lecturing the Board to come up to the work, go ahead & trust the Church to sustain it, &c. The action of the Com. was the result of the reading of a letter from Bro. Lyon to Mr. Powell & of a felt dissatisfaction with the way he was conducting the work & the tone of his letters. Such was the account of the matter I got from Mr. Powell though he personally felt very kindly to Bro. L. The fact is, I suppose, the Executive Com^{ee} have been feeling very sensitive & even sore under the complaints of the Church expressed in Gen. Assembly & in other ways, and have not been in the best temper for acting upon such earnest letters as Bro. Lyon has written. They have, as Mr. Powell expressed it, heard so much of the cry, "Go ahead & trust the Church to sustain you with funds &c.", that they have become a little cross and stubborn. I told Mr. Powell that I supposed Bro. Lyon had only carried out the idea of our Brethren in Minn. and asked whether he had received suft. instructions from the Board as to the exact work they wished him to do. Mr. Powell thought that very likely Dr. Janeway had been negligent in writing as fully as he should have done, being so busy getting ready for the Assembly &c. My opinion is that the trouble, and most of the trouble in reference to the want of success of the Board, has arisen from the inefficiency of Dr. Janeway, though Bro. Lyon may have been imprudent in the tone of his letters. I see no hope for a change for the better until new men & a new spirit are secured. Dr. Dickson, of Baltimore, has accepted the Secretaryship & I hope for a dift. state of things, but we want also

new men in the Ex. Com^{ee} &c. And I wish the Church would appoint some one of its live business laymen, to such positions, men who have had success in business & in work for Christ & who know how to present an appeal for money so as to captivate a business Christian man, and who would bring into the whole work the earnestness & tact and ability which they have learned to exercise by their previous training & success. Mr. Powell said there was plenty of time for the Synod of St. Paul or the Presbyteries of the state to give expression of their satisfaction with Bro. Lyon & his work, and then desire to have him continued &c. I think it would be well to secure such action, especially for the new Secretary. I have given you a very full & plain statement of what I have learned & hope you can use it, without compromising Mr. Powell, to advantage. It may be best to show this to Bro. L. He has not written me on the subject though Mrs. L. has written Mary. Do as you think best in the whole matter. Mrs. McN. sends her kindest regards.

Yours very truly,
W. W. McNair.

Rochester, Sept. 1st, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

The Master whom you serve knoweth why I have not promptly responded favorably to His appeals made by you. He knoweth why I was so greatly prospered & why I was led in the fullness of my heart to write you as I did. He knoweth why I, surrounded with every thing to make life happy, a competency to enable me to respond to His calls to every reasonable extent, an honored Elder by inheritance in the Church in which I was born, a Father almost to the 200 children of the S. School, so that when their eyes saw me they blessed me, surrounded by all them & more, a loving, devoted Christian wife & two lovely boys. He knoweth why my wicked heart allowed the spirit of the world so to lead me away as to imperil all of them. He knoweth why when surrounded by all the appearances of wealth & obliged to maintain the expenses of that position, that I cannot as in times past, draw on His fund in my hands, but must say no. He knoweth wherein I was unfaithful. He is teaching me I hope. Altho. a stranger to you comparatively, still we have one common

"Master" and you are smiling in His favor. & now Dear Bro. altho. I cannot gladden your heart, still will you not pray to the "Master" for the "Young Elder" that "all these things" may not come upon him, that His church may not be dishonored by his folly and inconsiderateness and that He will graciously teach him lessons of wisdom and that if it shall come upon him he may not "faint in the day of adversity."

And now dear Sir, have you any young friend, whom you love, surrounded by the temptations of wealth and great outward prosperity. Oh, counsel them with all faithfulness to take heed & beware of the dangers by which they are surrounded and to live humbly & walk safely before God cherishing and faithfully following the teachings of His Spirit as made known in His word. Then shall their hearts always rejoice, and they shall have no fear of evil. They shall be a blessing to the Church, to their families, & to the world. Their inheritance shall not be given one to others, but it shall be a means of growth in grace and of that heavenly inheritance which is being prepared for all who are faithful unto the end. Have you ever preached from the text now so constantly in my mind, "They that will be rich fall into temptation and snares, and many deceitful & hurtful lusts that drown men in destruction & perdition". If not, on some suitable occasion, I beg of you to preach it, especially to the young men. I know there are many not only out of, but in the Ch. who are in danger from this sin, who while pursuing the way that "seemeth right" to them are pursuing the way of death. Entreat all such. Should prayers now being offered up & yours yet to ascend be answered favorably, I may be able in the future to fulfill first encouragements.

Good-bye, at your leisure I should be glad to hear from you. This is confidential.

E. H. Hollister.

Austin, Minn. 1867,
Brief statement of work of H. A. Mayhew in Minnesota
to Sept. 1, 1868.

Arrived at Rochester, Minn., Dec. 13, 1866. Preached during the winter & till April, 1867, at Eyota, Kasson & Ashland; also preached a few times at Claremont, and collected a few Presbyterians who were in Feby. 1867, organized into a Church, by Rev. G. Ainslie, member of Presbyterial Com. for that purpose.

In April, '67, after spring meeting of Presbytery, came to Austin, at the request of Presbytery, especially of the S. Clerk, to examine the field, & reported toward the close of that month, to an adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Rochester. The then present prospects were not flattering. No Presbyterians were found outside of other organizations.

Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists & Episcopalians each had Churches, & the Congregationalists, were sorely averse to our coming. Presbytery, however, considered the point prospectively of far too great importance to be neglected, and were decidedly favorable to my returning and trying to cultivate the field.

Believing the Master said "go", I immediately returned to Austin & commenced my labors. For seven weeks it rained almost every day, every Sabbath.

We worshiped for a time in the School House, holding our services at 3 P. M., the only hour the house could be had. During the Autumn months we occupied the Methodist Church at 3 1/2 P. M.

Afterwards we held our meetings in a little hall, 19 by 30, over the Post Office, till our Chapel, built for us by the Lord, was dedicated, the 24 of May, '68.

The first few weeks we had scarcely any hearers, from 2 young ladies, to whom I preached as though the house were full -- to 8 or 10. After the rain ceased more came to hear, & many began to favor an organization.

The 20 of August the Church was instituted, by Rev'd. Jackson, of Rochester, in the Methodist Church, comprised of four members. The Board pledged us \$700, payable in January '68, to aid us in building a Ch. edifice. The people had been greatly taxed, & it was thought little could be raised on the field; yet by the very marked blessing of God, we were enabled to dedicate a very neat & comfortable Church the 24th of May, '68, the debt \$500 being all pledged by the people in small sums, only one subscription being more than ten dollars, the only 25.

Since the organization 13 have been added to the communion of the Church up to & including the communion in June 1868. Our congregations are now relatively quite large, and are encouragingly attentive, Sabbath School & Bible Class small but interesting. When we look at all the facts, we know it is the Lord's work & are encouraged. To Him be all the glory.

Janesville, Waseca Co., Minn.,
Sept. 2nd, 1868.

Rev. and Dear Bro. Jackson:

I hope you will not feel that I am worrying you or occupying too much time in looking after my own temporal concerns. I reced. my new commission last evening, Sept. 1st. The Board can afford to pay me this year, but two hundred and sixty dollars, (\$260.). I have lived very economically this last year, yet I am in debt. I had to borrow \$30., (thirty dollars) and pay 40 per cent. I am now buying my groceries on credit and have to pay higher than if I were able to pay for them when I get them. My wife has been and is sick. My wife's being sick now for two months and still not able to do anything makes my expenses very large. Twice, perhaps three times more has it cost us to live than it would, had my wife been able to do her own work this summer, or even oversee it. I have moved twice this last year, from Iowa to Okaman, Minn., from Okaman, Minn., to Janesville, have had and still have sickness in my house and have to pay very high prices for every thing I buy and get done. This last year has been the most expensive I have spent since I entered the ministry. I hope things may take a turn for the better. At present the prospect for support is a dark one. The people here are poor and in debt. The country is new and there are more consumers than producers. Many have come here to Janesville and bought property, looking for the Rail Road. They have spent nearly all they had and we have no Rail Road yet. I understood they began to work at Waseca yesterday and are coming on here immediately. I hope that report may be true.

I cannot pay my debts and live on \$260 dollars. What can be done to help me out of my difficulties? You may ask me how the church is getting on? It is doing just as well as could be expected. My congregations are just as good as I want them to be. I am getting a nice, orderly little S. S. scholars and teachers numbering 30. The Methodists at Waseca and all around Janesville are using every means they can to draw off my congregation to their own. They will betake themselves even to lying and slander to hurt my influence, but they cannot do it. I can, with God's help, hold my own. Now two things are wanting to sustain;--God's grace, and a better support. I can't live here, that is certain, without something more than the Board can give. Love to all friends.

Yours truly,

J. B. Vawter.

St. Charles, Sept. 1st, 1868.

I do most gratefully acknowledge your timely gift received through Rev. Mr. Jackson. It came at a time when we were very much straightened with scarce means to mail a letter. We had a small debt of several months standing, at the tailors for which we had been dunned and dunned without the means to pay which now we can do, through your benevolence.

May the Lord bless you with threefold to bestow upon some other of His servants and thus obey the command of our Saviour, "Bear ye one another's burdens".

The people of our charge are mostly farmers, and the wheat crop (upon which everything depends here) being short for 3 years, money with them has been very scarce, and consequently so with us. 9 months of the year have past and we have received no salary as yet.

It requires a long time to gather, thrash, and get the wheat into market, but we still hope.

During the summer our garden has supplied our table, the fruits of my husband's labor at early and late hours, many times at 4 o'clock in the morning have I found him with his hoe at work there.

Fresh meat is a luxury that we have but seldom enjoyed, but these sacrifices and many others we cheerfully make for Christ's sake, with the hope, of His blessing upon our labors, of doing something for the upbuilding of His kingdom in this part of His vineyard.

(signed) A Missionary's Wife.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Thank you 1000 times for the draft of Mrs. Taber, & thank the Lord for help in time of need, for the other brethren. Bros. Jackson & Wilson, Harding's co-laborers, were lately on short rations or likely to be. Perhaps Bro. Harding has provided for them, or the Lord thro him. Bro. H. has correspondence with some that are able to help them. All well & send best love.

Your Bro.,
Charles Thayer.

September 2, 1868.

The Presbytery of Southern Minnesota, after a full and fair trial of the working of the District Missionaryship, in connection with the Bd of D. M. do hereby give public and official expression of their sense of its necessity, to the efficient and economical carrying forward of the great work of Home Evangelization and further they do earnestly protest against the proposed removal of the present incumbent, considering the Rev. D. C. Lyon, as emphatically the "right man in the right place".

Unanimously passed in session at Owatonna, Minn., Sept. 2d, 1866, subject to be laid before the Synod of St. Paul and the Bd of D. M.

John L. Gage.

Gen. Clerk.

Presb. S. Minn.

Silas Hazlett.

Moderator.

Jackson, Minn., Sept. 7th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Providence has greatly favored me since I came here, tho' I am not "rolling in luxury" exactly. The Lord seems to have sent along just what I have needed in the right time. The draft that came from the Phelps Church came just as I was at my "purse-string's" end & supplied my immediate wants. In looking up our resources for building our Church I found a difficulty in finding building material enough & wished that I had a timber lot of my own. With the \$50. you handed me when here, I am enabled to pay two thirds of the price of a lot that was offered for sale & get the rest on six months credit. I have been out to-day to look at the timber & in a few days hope to get some axemen into it, "hewers of wood" for the Lord. For this timely gift I feel deeply grateful to some of the Lord's stewards, but as I don't know which one of them, I will depute you to return my hearty thanks with the wish & prayer that by Gods blessing this gift may be as seed, well sown, which shall yield to the donor a hundred fold of temporal wealth, from which he may sow again & again; & that each succeeding crop may bring with it a rich spiritual harvest, from which he may draw comfort in this life & at last find that from his sowing, there has been

stored up, in God's garner celestial fruits, in which he may rejoice throughout eternity.

We are not entirely "out of the woods" yet, but I feel greatly encouraged. Your sermon was instrumental in yielding me much help. Bro. Corning was thoroughly stirred up by it. Before you came I was the only one who thought we could get our building up this fall, but now Bro. C. puts in his earnest "we can & we will" in the right way. The old gentleman who has done most "throwing cold water" on our enterprize has over shot his mark. We have secured a lot of lumber which he was "pointing for" for his store building, while he has been telling every body that we would do nothing this fall. I hope he will learn that it is never too early to build a house for the Lord, when the devil's agents are around looking for a brewery site. We hope to get the timber out here very soon. The saw mill has gathered a little water & is running again. Siding boards & shingles must come from Mankato, or Waseca.

Bro. Lyon tho't best to defer doing anything towards the incorporation of the church till I got back from Synod. But upon examining the statute, I tho't it best to push on, & gave a notice yesterday, & will repeat it next Sabbath, of a meeting on Oct. 10th, for the election of trustees.

I looked about on my return to find out the wants about Madelia & a little south. I think a fine field could then be opened for another Missionary forming a connecting link between Waseca & this place. There is good encouragement there for the organization of another church.

Bro. Thayer wrote to me that he proposed making a tour thro' this section & asked me to exchange with him for Oct. 4th or 11th. I accepted his proposal for the 4th & in my answer mentioned this field in Watonwan County giving him the name of the man I found best posted, J. K. Webster, of the town of Antrim, an O. S. Presbyterian.

I feel more & more my need of a study, especially when the wind blows a little "fresh" over these prairies, reminding me that the present private rooms--(behind a hay stack or up the ravine on a big rock) will hardly be suitable after Christmas. If I am to have a house of my own, i.e. if it is the Lord's will, I trust the necessary means will be sent from some quarter.

If we get our church up I shall be so grateful, that I think I can study & write at my boarding place in spite of the babies crying & other inconveniences.

I shall meet you undoubtedly at Presbytery & then I hope to report progress. In the meantime, may the Master bless you in your work & otherwise as you need. Hoping to be ever remembered by you at a throne of grace for God's blessing & sustaining power & grace in my work, I am ever,

Yours in the Gospel,
Edward Savage.

Eyota, Sept. 7, 1868.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of 5 inst. containing the check for 25 dols. is rec'd. for which you will please accept our hearty thanks. Just when most needed the blessings come. "The Lord is good and ever doing good to the children of men."

The straitened condition of the Bd. of D. M. must certainly produce distress in the families of some of the brethren, unless the Lord send them special relief. For our part we have not suffered; but have only prevented it by going in debt much deeper than I wish to.

We will soon have our Church building under contract, though we have but about two thirds of the amt. subscribed that will be necessary to complete it, yet we feel we must move forward trusting. Please pray for us that our faith fail not.

Please say to the authors of this Grace we have recd. that though unknown to us, we feel no less thanks and will hold them in remembrance in our prayers to the God of all Grace.

Yours in the Gospel Bonds,
A. L. Thomson.

Muscatine, Ia.,
Sept. 8th, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

Yours of the 27th ult. has been received. I would be glad to see our state divided, and a District Secretary appointed for our Synod,--the Northern one. And I know of no one that I would rather have in that office than yourself.

It is rather a delicate matter to get Bro. Mason out of the way as he is a member of our Synod, and may desire to re-

tain our Synod as his field. The Board appointed him without consulting anybody, and right against the application in behalf of a far better man, by parties that offered to pay two hundred dollars a year toward his support.

The impression so far as I know is that Bro. Mason is about as useless in this position as a fifth wheel in a wagon. He has organized two small churches in between two or three years,--a thing that we might be constantly doing if we could only get ministers to take charge of them. It is supposed (with how much truth I know not) that he is employed more as a spy on the Missionaries than anything else.

I was through several counties in the northern part of our state on my trip from Minnesota, this summer. I found our Church almost unknown. Our people there have been swallowed up by other denominations, generally by Congregationalists. It lies so near your field that you are well fitted to take hold of it.

Our Synod meets on the 1st of October. Glad to see you there.

Yours truly,
J. Armstrong.

La Crosse, Sept. 9th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

On account of purchase of horse for bro. Carpenter, I have collected & paid to him \$108.70. He paid for the animal he bought \$150, borrowing from Mr. Potter, payable Oct. 1st. The horse is said to be a good purchase. I have not seen it. Buck-board buggy he got from Gurly, "harness a gift from Mrs. Carpenters father", so all are now at work. I shall probably receive nothing more for this fund, so I respectfully submit ac.

I would gladly be at the installation service of my friend & classmate, but do not expect to.

Yours,
J. Irwin Smith.

Florence Metz.

Janesville, Waseca Co., Minn.,
Sept. 9th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have just found time since I returned home to write.. I shall not enumerate or mention what my difficulties have been. I feel there is something exceedingly delicate in a man's talking and writing about himself. This last summer, I endured my trials as patiently as I could, determined fully in my own mind and breast, that I would not complain, till my necessities compelled me. But thanks be to God for His "loving kindness" because of His "tender mercy" in supplying in some measure our wants. I feel grateful, not merely for favors shown me, but for favors shown so many of my dear brethren, similarly situated to myself.

I hereby beg leave to thank, though that does not express all, for \$50 I reced at Minneapolis. I see I have a long way to walk by faith this coming winter, but I firmly believe, that "He who has graciously kept me from the beginning, will keep me and mine to the end". Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Your Bro. in Christ,
Jno. B. Wawter.

Janesville, Waseca Co., Minn.,
Sept. 11th, 1868.

Rev. & Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your kind letter containing a check worth \$50. is reced. It contained \$25. from you and \$25. from some of your friends. If ever I was overjoyed almost, at the sight of a little money, it was then. It looked beautiful and lovely. It was greatly needed and will be greatly useful. After being sorely pinched by poverty and sickness, wanting even the necessaries of life, in some instances, never blest with its luxaries, to receive \$50. is as good almost as to hear an angel of heaven speaking audibly to one, whose head is bowed down, saying; "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." (Psa. 37:3)

I feel a delicacy in "blowing my own trumpet". It is not pleasant. I would like to tell and you would like to hear a pleasanter story.

Within the last year, I have moved twice. From DuBuque. Iowa, to Okaman Minn., and from Okaman to this place, Janes-

ville, Minn. Moving is expensive business. My removal from Okaman to Janesville, a distance of 8 or 9 miles, with all necessary and concomitant expenses cost me \$50. My wife has been in delicate health all summer, and we have had to have hired help in the house at high rates. This summer my buggy, which was rather too light in the wheels had to have a new set of wheels costing very nearly \$50. It looked like everything conspired to cost me money. Oats became so high and scarce that my horse has almost died of starvation. I have had even to hire money, \$30., at 4 per cent per dollar, per month, at the rate of nearly 50 per cent per annum. Besides borrowing money at such rates, I have had to go in debt for the necessaries of life. And as often as otherwise gone without, rather than borrow and pay heavy interest or go in debt. Nothing lowers or debases a minister in peoples' esteem so, as to be everlastingly borrowing or "going on tick". The Board Domestic Missions, has the misfortune, to have an empty treasury, our churches do not come up to work of filling up the empty treasury, so under the circumstances our B. D. M. can give me this year but (\$260) two hundred and sixty dollars. Last year it was (\$350) three hundred and fifty dollars; but my appropriation from the Board has been cut down a small fraction over twenty-five per cent. You can easily see that is extremely a hard blow. The people out here are poor, for the most part. If any of them have any property, they are in debt. Their crops failed for the last two yrs. some of them have had to pay large per cents and borrow money. I cannot look for much from this people, at present, if anything. I am a husband and a father of two living children. I am forced to ask, "How am I going to live?" My pledged salary from the Board being only \$260 with a great prospect of getting that with difficulty, of its delay. But I can trust my blessed Saviour. He has never laid a burden upon me I could not with His help bear, though heavy to be born. We have, especially my wife this last summer, had to pass through deep waters; we have come through. My wife has stood up under her sorrows bravely. She could suffer and do for her Master, what she would in former years have looked upon as insupportable. Our friends in older and more favored portions of the church will not permit us to perish, who are willing to do and suffer in doing this heavy frontier work. There seems to be, it appears to me, an effort to hold us here in Minnesota, back in our aggressive work. I hold however that we are doing here in Minn. just what our brethren

ought to do all through this young and rising West. Our only fault is, out here in the West & North-West, that we are not by one half, aggressive enough. Let us not therefore give up, till the Lord tells us we must give up, then will we bow in humble submission to His holy will and never before, will we back down a single inch.

Yours truly,
Jno. B. Vawter.

New York, Sept. 14, 1868.

Dear Bro.:

Your welcome favor of the 4th inst. came duly to hand. Enclosed please find check for one hundred dollars. Please send fifty dollars to Rev. J. B. Vawter, and carry the balance to acc. of your Missionary fund.

I am not living in N. Y. but two miles out of town on the Easton Turnpike, where you will always be welcome. If you should arrive unexpectedly in N. Y. you would not find the walk out burdensome even if you did not get a "lift" on the road, but a line to me in season stating when you expected to arrive would ensure our meeting you at the depot. My boys daily take the train leaving N. Y. at 5 o'clock and if with them you could meet our wagon at the depot.

Yours truly,
Wm. R. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Waseca, Minn.,
Sept. 14th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Numerous and varied engagements, have necessitated the postponement of a most pleasant duty which ought to have claimed my attention at a much earlier day. I refer to the acknowledgement of the reception of 25 dolls. through you, from some "Friend in the East". I wish those "Eastern Friends", who hold the Western Missionary in such kind remembrance, could exchange positions with him for a short time. I wish they could be encompassed by a few of his embarrassments and feel the pressure of some of his necessities. I would not

presume to return their thoughtful kindness thus, by laying upon them the burdens their beneficiaries often have to bear, but, I am persuaded, that aside from this, there is no possible experience, by which they could be fully qualified, for a just appreciation of the grateful & joyous emotions which their benefactions awaken in the hearts of some who receive them. Your remittance of \$25. came to hand just when it was most needed. It arrived very soon after the reception of an official notice from our Board of Missions, to the effect that they were, as yet, "unable to meet their liabilities for the Past Quarter". Six weeks have passed since the expiration of the Quarter and I have reced. nothing but the notice mentioned above. I doubt not the expected "check" will yet come to hand, but, I can not meet my own accumulating "liabilities" by this blissful anticipation. And my ability to do so is growing less every day under the pressure of my Land-lord's impatience in waiting for the arrival of the expected remittance from Phila. Whilst living under the growing pressure of such circumstances, I need scarcely assure you that the relief which the remittance from an "Eastern Friend" affords, is most gratefully received and most highly appreciated by me.

The Donor is unknown, but, I hope, & pray, that the Divine Master who commended the widow's offering may bless the heart of the Giver with "all Spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ and, that this, and every similar effort may contribute no small portion toward building the walls of Zion in this great North Western Field".

Your Bro. in Christ,
J. G. Patterson.

Waseca, Minn.,

Monday Morning,

Sept. 14th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I recd. a letter from Bro. Gage on Saturday evening saying that in/ the event of my being disappointed in receiving the \$500 from the east for which I had written, he thought you might be able to obtain it for me for a few weeks. I have been disappointed in getting it from the East. I rec^d. a letter from Bro. Parkhill, our Elder at home on Saturday containing a check

for \$40.80, the contribution of our churches toward building here. Mr. P--- is Cashier of a Nat. Bank at home. I had written him for a loan of \$500 for six months. He says he "knows no one who has the money to loan, has not got it himself, and it is such a loan as the Bank would not make." I know not what to do. I have made some inquiries here & find that every one who has any money has invested it. The only resort left me is to appeal to the Lord in prayer and lay the case before you who have the "care of the churches' coming upon you daily". The former I have done & the latter I now do. If you can secure me the use of \$500 until such time as you think it can be obtained of the Board, our enterprise will go on, if not I see no other alternative before me than the sad one of letting it fall to the ground. It is now standing still for the lack of the Five Hundred necessary to begin with, and if this were secured we would begin to build immediately. Mr. Shaw says that "Chadbourn Brothers", Bankers, formerly had money to loan and he thinks they have now. Do you think you could secure it from them or any one else on reasonable terms? I will await your reply with prayerful anxiety.

I recd. my papers of dismissal from Redstone Presbytery on Saturday & on the strength of that, I announced at yesterday's service that the "Pres. of South Minn." would meet in Waseca on Wed. evening week at 7 1/2 o'clock for Bro. Savage's and my ordination. I have begun to make arrangements for entertaining the members of Presbytery & presume I shall be able to entertain all who will come, at least no one need remain away for fear that their presence might over-task the hospitality of Waseca. I have been so busily engaged the past week, that I have not had time to write that promised letter, but will do it today. I hope to hear from you tomorrow.

Your Bro. in Perplexity,
J. G. Patterson.

P. S. Remember me very kindly to Mrs. J. & family.
J. G. P.

Sept. 18, 1888

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst., some two weeks since, I regret to say, has not been answered until the present moment. pressure of business, and other, revolving around me, has prevented. I am glad to be able to respond, in a measure, to your request. I had not the face to ask any of your personal assistance, as we have all been working pretty hard in building a mission church in the poorer part of our city. I thought I would send you a check for thirty-five dollars, including ten dollars from a brother Isaac, although the pressure is almost constant with us now. I must remember the Divine injunction, "to do good and communicate as thy seed thou shalt do". I trust the Lord will bless you here and here, and that a blessed stream of influence shall go forth from your church that shall be felt throughout Minnesota. Oh, how blessed it must be to preach the everlasting Gospel. We enjoyed a most delightful young people's Prayer Meeting last evening, a very solemn, earnest meeting, I assure you, although there was no indication of a revival in our midst. May we not hope for one? Pray for us that our young people may be converted.

I remain,
Yours in Christian regards,
Gerace Allen.

Mrs. Allans sends kind regards to you and Mrs. Jackson, the boys also.

2017 Cedar St.,
West Philadelphia,
September 18th, 1888.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

Sometimes ago I rec'd a letter from you which I intended now to acknowledge. I have been much troubled since I came from my former residence in the absence of service. It seemed moreover very doubtful to me, how far I should be doing justice to the committee, or rendering any service to Dr. Lyon by furnishing what was asked.

The missionaries would ever be glad to be heard to do more, but they forget that the board is only a court of appeal.

between the liberality of the church, such as it is, and the wants of the field. It is not fair to blame the pipe, for it cannot deliver more than it receives.

But some think the board should raise more. I think so too, if possible. And why not possible? Last fall it was made the part of the Corresponding Secretary to bring some of our missionaries east to stimulate the churches before the November collection. It was & is the most hopeful thing we can do in the way of trying to get larger collections. Dr. Janeway did not succeed in getting one of our missionaries to do this, yet they think the board ought to raise more money. This, my dear sir, a respected Christian brother, is looking to attain ends without the means. The ordinary means cannot surely be expected to produce more than the ordinary revenue.

May we receive faith, wisdom, to desire means, self denial to apply them & have the joy of seeing large results.

Very resp'y. & truly yours,

H. D. Gregory.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Report of Committee appointed by the Synod of St. Paul, September 24th, 1858, on the Communication from the Sec'y. of the Board in relation to the appointment of a District Missionary.

Your Committee have had under consideration the letter of Dr. Musgrave, Sec'y. of the B'd. of Domestic Missions to the Stated Clerk of Synod, informing us that the Executive Committee of the Board declined to re-commission Rev. D. C. Lyon as District Miss. for Synod of St. Paul and beg leave to report the following for the adoption of Synod, viz:

This Synod being on Missionary ground and composed largely of Ministers who receive part of their support through the agency of the Board have peculiar reasons for desiring that our relation with the Ex. Com. be harmonious and marked

by mutual confidence. We have endeavored as the servants of the Church to be faithful in the cultivation of the field committed to our care, and have sought from the Board from time to time only such aid as in our judgment the wants of the field have demanded. If in our zeal to put forward the Master's work some of us may have over-stepped, what the officers of the Board regard as the bound of prudence, this is a pardonable offense, not to be punished by the judges, and while claiming as our right, from our allegiance to the Great Head of the Church (and which we understand to be the judgement also of the Sect'y. and Ex. Com. of the Board) to ask and receive the gifts of the Church outside of the agency of the Board, we again, as often before, protest that we never did or sought to organize agencies to solicit funds independently of and especially not antagonistically to the Board of Missions.

We regret therefore, that the Executive Committee should have deemed it expedient to hold up the Synod of St. Paul in the annual report to Assembly in an unfavorable and injurious light as an offender against the established order of the Church.

In the matter of District Missionary we know of no sufficient reason why the Board should have refused to re-commission Rev. D. C. Lyon for the state of Minnesota, he having been twice before commissioned, and his labors having proved entirely satisfactory to the Synod.

Bro. Lyon having so long labored within the bounds of Synod and become familiar with the whole field and its wants, being personally known to all the brethren and loved by them all as a faithful Brother & friend and moreover being zealous in his efforts to conserve the best interest of the Board, we had every reason to believe that he would be continued in this office at the unanimous request of the Synod. In view of these considerations we do again most earnestly & respectfully request the B'd. of Domestic Missions to Commission Bro. Lyon as District Missionary for the Synod of St. Paul. In making this request we assure the Board that we are asking what is best for the interests of the Cause in this Synod and what will tend to promote confidence and kindly feelings. But should the B'd. refuse this our request, then we have to ask that Minn. be taken out of the field of Rev. J. D. Mason, and that no District Missionary be appointed for our state. At the same time the Synod cordially assure the B'd. and the recently appointed District Missionary that

towards himself as a Minister and Christian Brother, we cherish only feelings of personal & fraternal regard, and we assure the Board of our unabated interest in its financial prosperity and our desire no whit less for the aid and support of all the fields of Miss. effort, similarly situated upon the very frontier equally with our own and we do not desire to abate anything from our efforts to sustain its operations elsewhere by withholding our contributions directly to its Treasury or diminishing their amount.

 Sept. 25, 1888.

Rev. S. Jackson,

My dear Bro.:

I don't know whether you want the whole paper or not, but conclude to send it. If you don't want it all, you can separate what you want, and let the rest go as waste paper, and waste work. I should have supposed you could have got that currency put together at the nearest carpenter shop, but if not, and you have any more to mend, send it on. I don't know but I have got you into some trouble with Bro. Ainslie, about that \$300 matter. He "denies unqualifiedly" that he has received it, and says that the money he has been having at interest to the am't. of several thousand dollars, belonged to a widowed sister, and that he has never received \$100 interest on any money of his own in Miss. He has applied for \$150 for Chester Ch. and notifying me that he would send a copy to the Board, the Com. authorized me to for'd. the application, without recommendation, and also a copy of resolution of Pres. last Feb. refusing to recommend, and his pledge that the field should ask no more. We shall see whether the Board will assume responsibility or not. I have been drawn into an extensive correspondence with Bro. A. and have said to him some very plain things. I have offered my house for sale, as I have been disappointed in realizing my own means, and can't afford to pay so much interest, taxes & insurance. House and contents insured \$2,000 5 years (I think 5). Mrs. W. and the children are all well, especially "Dr. Musgrave" With kindest regards to your family, and to Mr. Van Pelts, and Stevenson, and best wishes and earnest prayers for your comfort and success in your work, I am,
 Yours in the Gospel,
 W. S. Wilson.

Synod of St. Paul,)
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 In Session 28 Sep. 1868)

"The following paper was prescribed & adopted: viz.

To the Board of Domestic Missions:

The Synod of St. Paul, in answer to the invitation of the Board for suggestions as to the necessities of the Board at the present time, beg leave to suggest most respectfully that in view of the depletion of the Treasury, if the Board see the way clear to the employment - in some capacity of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, of Rochester, Minnesota, we think it would be very advantageous, inasmuch as we have often found him to have a remarkable tact in interesting the churches in the cause of Missions & awakening an interest in behalf of distributions in Missionary regions & in soliciting & collecting friends in their aid. In this respect we think he has few if any superiors in the church. And we believe he would be willing to serve the cause of Christ in this or any way to which the providence of God may call him.

And we beg to suggest further, that this recommendation is spontaneous & not the result of any communication with him, & of this action he is entirely aware."

A true extract.

Charles Thayer,
 Stated Clerk.

 (Copy)

"Mission House, 907 Arch St.
 Philadelphia, Oct. 6th, 1868.

Rev. Chas. Thayer,
 Farmington, Minn.

Stated Clerk of the Synod of St. Paul.

Dear Brother:

Your favor of the 28th ult., containing an extract from the minutes of your Synod, is at hand.

In reply I have the pleasure to inform you that we have anticipated the wish of the Synod & hope to have the gratification of a visit from the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, in the course of the present week. Mr. Jackson had been invited to come East some months ago, but his engagements prevented him from

coming at that time. He has written to us that we may expect him here on the 7th or 8th inst. He will visit several of the Synods in this part of the country, & I hope will be able to stir up the ministers, &c. to greater zeal and liberality. By presenting and pleading the cause before such large bodies he will be able, the Committee thinks, to accomplish more in a short time than in any other way.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,

G. W. Musgrave.

per Amanuensis.

A true copy furnished by order of the Synod of St. Paul.
Charles Thayer,
Stated Clerk.

Mission House, 907 Arch St.,
Philadelphia, Oct. 17, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Brother:

At a meeting of the Ex. Committee held on Thursday, the 15th inst., the following resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved, -That the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, be requested to remain East during the month of November, and as opportunity offers to present the claims of the Board before the Churches, provided his remaining here will not interfere with his pastoral relation & duties; and provided also that the funds to be raised by him shall go into the Treasury of the Board.

Resolved, That seventy five dollars, with necessary travelling expenses, be appropriated for that purpose.

Yours truly,

G. W. Musgrave,

per Amanuensis.

Mission House, 907 Arch St.,
Philadelphia, Nov. 17/86.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Care Sheldon & Co.,
500 Broadway, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

Agreeably to promise, I brought the matter to the attention of the Ex. Committee yesterday, and they authorize me to request you to continue your present work for the Board during the month of December next, at the same rate of compensation, viz.: Seventy-five Dollars with necessary traveling expenses.

Please furnish me with a list of the Churches visited by you that the Committee may have a full report of your labors.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,
G. W. Musgrave,
per Amanuensis.

Synod of Iowa North in Session at Cedar Rapids,
Oct. 3, 1868.

Rev. J. Armstrong offered the following which was adopted.
Resolved, That in view that rapidly increasing population of our state, now numbering about one million souls and of the several lines of R. Roads, being constructed through our state, with the numerous villages and cities springing up along them & over our vast prairies, we believe that in order to render the plan of District Missionaries effective, more than one is required in Iowa.

2ndly. We would, therefore, respectfully suggest to the Bd. of Miss., that they consider the propriety of appointing another Missionary in this state, as soon as their funds will permit, whose field shall be the North Western R. R. & the territory lying between it & the Minnesota line, & that he be especially directed to visit the new settlements, & towns not contingent to the fields now occupied by our ministers, & to secure organizations where desirable & foster them & as soon as practicable, secure for them the regular ministrations of the Word.

3rdly. That a Com. of six be appointed to nominate

one whom the Synod may recommend to the Board for this position.

J. W. Crawford.
Clerk of Synod.

Cedar Rapids, Oct. 3, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson was unanimously nominated by Synod as the man for District Missionary.

J. W. Crawford.
Clerk Pro Tem.

St. Peter, Oct. 5th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I drop you a few lines as you requested. Make use of them as you deem best.

I hope you will have a pleasant & prosperous visit among the churches and friends in the east. You are doubtless informed of the action of our Synod. As the Board desired suggestions, our action was simply this, that in this emergency when funds are so much needed, the Board secured for a time the services of one who ought to be able to awaken a deeper interest in the Church in behalf of this Cause, & then presenting your name as a suitable man for such work. I hope the Board will feel like taking action very soon.

Should you call on Mrs. Newkirk, be so kind as to remember me to her. I called with Miss M. Lyon just a few evenings before Mr. N.'s death. He was very cheerful & pleasantly communicative that evening.

The Lord be with you.

Yours truly,
A. H. Kerr.

Brooklyn, Nov. 7th, 1868.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of Nov. 3d was duly recd. & met my expectations as to your whereabouts, & business, as I had heard of your being at Synod in N. York, but more of this when we meet.

Your pamphlet has not reached me. Am very sorry. Can you tell me of a needy Congregational Missionary, for whom

Dr. Baddington's people could make up a box? If so, please send his address.

I wish very much to see you, & hear of this change of work. See the Trasks before you do me. Early in the morning I am almost sure to be in, say nine o'clock.

With kindest regards from both of us,

Truly,

S. M. G. Merrill.

Enclosed please find a check for ninety dollars.

\$20. From Mrs. Marquand.

10. Mrs. Trask.

10. Mrs. Wyckoff.

50. Mrs. Merrill.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

An offering to some one or more of the Missionaries in Minnesota or elsewhere, who are in great need, as described this morning. The smaller notes are from the children of a family.

\$21.35.

Sunday evening,
11 Oct. 1868.

Phila, Chestnut St. 1525.

Revd. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Please to find enclosed ten dollars for the "Missionaries wife" and ten dollars for the Revd. J.C. Patterson, of Itasca, Minn. I thank you for the perusal of the returned letters, so calculated to revive the almost expiring spirits of Missions in our churches.

May the Divine blessing richly rest upon you in your efforts to advance the Kingdom of our dear Redeemer, and to provide for his self-denying, fainting, starving servants in the West.

I hail your visit to the Eastern churches as a bright omen of great good to churches East and West.

With great respect,

Mrs. E.P.S. Jones.

Rochester, Minn. Oct. 12/68.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your letter dated Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oct. 2d/68, was forwarded to me at this place by my wife. It came Saturday.

You may think it strange that I am here. When in Wis. I received two letters from Bro. Lyons, urging me to go to Albert Lea. I wrote to him that as I was Stated Clerk of Pres. & Pres. was to meet soon, I could not visit Minn. now. I afterwards concluded to visit Albert Lea, before returning home.

When I got here, on my way, my Brother told me what you requested him to write me in reference to Rochester. I decided to spend the Sabbath here. Bro. Devoe invited me & I preached Sab. evening.

Monday Mr. & Mrs. Paden, my Bro. & myself got a carriage & started for Albert Lea. We got back Saturday.

Bro. Stead invited me & I preached last evening. I am pleased with the Rochester church, & has you have resolved to leave, I would like very much to come here. I would feel very grateful to you for your influence to secure me the place.

You invite me to supply the pulpit 1st & 2d Sabbaths of November. As matters now stand I do not see how I can do it. Of course, I do not feel at liberty to make known to the Church your purpose to leave. And, unless they knew it, they would think it strange that I should remain here for two Sabbaths, for the purpose of supplying the church two Sabbaths - Such a position would be a very delicate one for me. If the Church knew your purpose it would be otherwise.

To go home & return in two weeks would not diminish the delicacy of the position. Then the expense would be greater than I could bear.

I have been in a great strait to decide what to do.

I have decided to go home to morrow and await the developments of Providence. I always feel it to be my duty to avoid the appearance of interference with the charge of another Brother, and such might be the construction, if I should remain here. If the Church knew your purpose, it would be otherwise.

I would like to hear from you soon at Litchfield. Anything you may do to serve my coming here will be gratefully remembered.

Albert Lea is a pretty place & promising field of labor; they have no good schools - and both my children are at that age when they were to go to school, they can't wait. I hope

to hear from you soon.

Yours very truly,
R. M. Roberts.

I would not go to Madison, Wis., if I should get a unanimous call. It is an old dried up church, with but little life, and no outside material to work upon.

I would like to come to Minn. if the Lord will, and as it is a cold climate, if I come this Fall, I would like to get into winter quarters as soon as may be. Of course, I must patiently wait the Lord's time.

R. M. Roberts.

7 West Penn Square, Phila.,
Oct. 13, 1868.

My dear Bro. Jackson:

It was so late yest'y. after the adjournment of the Board that the Exec. Com. were compelled to adjourn till Thurs. afternoon at 3 1/2, when the matter of yr. apptnt. as Dist. Miss'y. for Iowa will come up.

I will tell you with all candor that there is some extent of a sore feeling in the Com. & Board with reference to any one in their service doing work or stirring up any interest in the general cause which shall operate in any way independently of the Board. I assured them that in yr. address to my people you did most emphatically urge an increased sympathy & aid for the whole work of the Bd.--that you did not present Minnesota with any special urgency except as illustrative of the general field, & that you pleaded for the replenishing of the empty Treasury of the Bd. Some jealousy has been felt because of the movements of Mr. Lyon & perhaps yourself so far as they tended to direct funds for the main treasury, even tho. they went towards the same good cause. And I think you must see that there is ground for such jealousy if such things are done. It would evidently be a violation of the principle on which the Board is organized, as the receiving dispensing Agent of the Church for the whole Domestic Field. And it belongs to the Bd. to say where the money that any persons contribute should be most efficiently expended. I say this to you frankly & kindly, because I am anxious that you should be posted as to the feelings here & that you shd. in yr. appeals to Synod, be careful as to this point. You will address some scattered members of the Bd. in every Synod,

I would suggest to you to ascertain who they are at every Synod & secure thr. aid & co-operation & let them feel that you look to them to help you shoulder the matter & carry it through. We would gain very much if we could secure their real co-operation. I believe if you are judicious & work in the interest of the general cause, you will give very great satisfaction to all the members of the Board. Say all you can for Minn. & Iowa, but don't forget Colorado & every other place. And tell every one that offers you money, to send it to the Board, or else take it & send it on at once to the Treasurer. God bless & help you in yr. great work.

Yrs. with regard & affec.

Jas. M. Crowell.

Philada., Oct. 15th, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your earnest appeal in behalf of our Missionaries in our own Western country, excited in my mind a desire at once to relieve the case where money had been borrowed, at such an exorbitant interest. On ascertaining from you that the amount borrowed was \$30., I determined to send you the amount immediately. I would gladly pay back to him the interest he has paid, if I could. I trust others may do what I cannot, if not directly, indirectly, by so replenishing the treasury of the Board, that our missionaries may have comfortable support. I can not but hope that the picture drawn from life now being held up by you before the churches, may wake them up to their duty, and remove all embarrassment from the Board. We have not before fully appreciated the increased hardships and sacrifices our missionaries must endure, now that our territory is so greatly extended.

That the rich blessing may rest upon your efforts, and your life and health be spared to do much work yet for the Master, is the prayer of

Yours truly,

Member 7th Pres. Church.

Philadelphia.

Since writing the above a young lady handed me a dollar for the Missionary in debt, which I enclose.

Jackson, Miss.
Oct. 18, 1900.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I secured the lumber for my house, on Monday, on the strength of the loan of \$200, which was secured by me. I made a good deal by buying in Mississippi, a quantity of 150, from the West, Ga. (Mr. ...) to pay for my window & door frames, door, ... other lumber (saw boards, lath, etc., ...) amounted to \$149.50 which ... The freight of the whole to ... the officers of the Valley F. S., I ... \$25. I did not expect ... the Central Board ...

All were ... shall be able ... keep ahead of ...

The ... sundry brethren, ... charging me over ... organizing the ... of me ... I trust we ... be a good field ... H. H. points.

I am very ... vice. I can't ... to drive the ... answer for the ... their satisfaction ... in your work, I ...

Yours faithfully,
Bro. ...

October 18, 1900.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

This piece of ... keep sake from ... I part with it to help ... widow's life. ... wish I could ...

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I hope and pray God will put it into the hearts of those who have wealth to give to the suffering.

A friend.

West Phila., Oct. 17, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I was very sorry that I could not see more of you when you were in Phila., and I regretted exceedingly that the Br. was so rushed for time that they could not hear a longer statement from you. I trust you will return. Will you not be at our Synod in Lancaster? Come if you can.

Now as to the matter you handed me. I had not time to look at it when you were so kind as to hand it to me. of course did not know all that the brother needed. I read it to our ladies & they thought as we had so much to do in re-fitting our church &c., that this case had better be taken up by some other church. Our ladies can doubtless send a good box, but they have just raised \$500. among themselves, besides over \$3,000 by the gentlemen & it would be almost too much to ask them to send a sewing machine. Last year they sent a sewing machine moreover to a Missionary in Illinois. Now our ladies could take up brother Keir's family & attend to them well in the matter of clothing. But I have thought it would be almost mean in us to take one part, & not another-- so I thought I would send the letters back to you & if you have any other case that you think would be suitable, would be glad to hear from you. Hoping to see you again soon, & trusting that you may be blessed in your labor, I remain,

Aff. your brother,

J. Addison Henry.

West Phila.

Rushford, Minn.,

Oct. 19, 1868.

Brother Jackson:

Do what you can for Brother Cunningham. He had reached his "bottom dollar" when I came. I have given him \$25. to get him a load of wood, a few bushels of potatoes, & pay rent for two or three weeks. His wife's wedding gift, the money part is all gone. Don't fail to make his case known as it is

If he sends for any clothing you will see to that also.

The people at Houston will probably do something but they are terribly slow. Cunningham has been upon bed since synod -- is now better. I took his place at Houston Sabbath, but could get no place for meeting & had no public service but meet "from house to house".

The Board have declined Wilson's offer to serve them in the east, & I expect to hear they have declined our proposition in reference to yourself.

I write to brother C. Mrs. C. is doing admirably. I go home today.

Truly yours,

D. C. Lyon.

The Lord direct & speed you.

Kingsboro, Fulton Co., N. Y.,

Oct. 19, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

Can you arrange matters so as to spend Nov. 15, the third Sabbath of that month here & at Gloverville? Mr. Hill, of the Presby. Church in Gloversville, earnestly wishes you to come & asks we to invite you in his name. The wants of the Home Field press on us & we wish to have our people stirred up on the subject. We propose to take collections in both churches that day if you can visit us. Dr. Stewart at Johnstown, I presume would be glad to see you, tho' I have had no opportunity of asking him. Our Ladies, I think, will make up a box of clothing for Mr. Cochrane.

Please let me hear from you at once on your receipt of this note.

Truly yours,

W. Bannard.

216 Madison Avenue,

New York, Oct. 20th 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have several of your interesting letters remaining

unanswered for reasons beyond my control. I greatly regret the situation in which our Mission Board has fallen. It is a great reproach to our Churches. I believe there has been a conference of our city Pastors with reference to raising funds for the Board, and some special efforts will be attempted for the object and I trust they will be successful in securing sufficient funds to sustain the Missionaries the coming winter. It has occurred to me, that if you could visit the churches here and in some other cities, you might awaken a more lively interest regarding this important subject. It would appear to be unfortunate that Dr. Dickson was not permitted to take the Secretaryship, as he is considered a proper man for the position. It is however alright, and the great Head of the Church will raise up right instruments in his own time for the promotion of His cause. The efforts of yourself and Mr. Lyon to provide for the Missionaries are worthy of praise and you will have your reward in due time. Let me hear from you, if you have any suggestions to make and I can serve you.

I remain with esteem,

Yours truly,

H. K. Corning.

E. B. C.

La Crosse, Oct. 21st, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

What I designed, when I promised to write you during your absence, was to give, as you had requested, some personal narratives in the progress of our undertaking in this field. But I have never had, since Synod, a half hour I could give to such object. The amount of it would be what you know, that we have learned in it both how to abound, in the apostles meaning, & now to suffer want. And I would add, with all its straits & pressure, if it were to go over again, I would gladly repeat its experiences as the richest and happiest of my life. The charge & cares of two church edifices, preparation & payments on my own dwelling & provisions for my family -- I only wonder how I have endured them all. Dark clouds at time closed about us, but the light broke all the brighter after. The pressure sometimes grew weighty, but it has always lifted with a reaction of expansive delight.

This fall we have been waiting the expected favors from

Bro. Nixon's people at West Farms, so that Mrs. S. says she has at last made over the last remade article she can find in the house. But if that provision does not meet the case, some other which the Master knows of will. I wore, myself, last winter an overcoat which I feared my people would have chosen to dissolve their relations with, on account of age a year before. This year I have deferred to provide one, under that painful shrinking from always going in debt for what I need, & then pinching everything to get out. Yet "Your Father" knoweth that you have need of all these things, so go on with the work, till necessity compels supply.

You may see in Mission Column of "Presb." a letter from a Missy. building his own house. It was written from bro. Mair at Neilsville to bro. Wells for the purpose it states. To-day I send him \$25. on half the proceeds from special Appeal of bro. Lyon & Pres. Committees published in August. And from other quarters, I hope to attain some relief for him. The Commission of Board dates Aug. 1st for \$200. Bro. Cunningham received the other \$200.

On Sabbath coming we are to dedicate our precious sanctuary to divine service, Bro. Sample to preach.

May the Lord preserve you in His favor, & prosper your service for His name, is the earnest prayer of yours in love
J. Irwin Smith.

Syracuse, Oct. 23, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

You will remember me as Moderator of the Synod of Albany when you met last week at Saratoga. I hoped to have seen more of you before you left. I drop you this line now to inquire whether you know of some good, worthy Missionary in your state who needs & who would gladly receive a box of clothing &c., from the Ladies of my church. If so, will you please send me his address, how many members in his family, their sex & age & whatever other information may be desirable to guide the ladies in this matter.

Have you disposed of that Seminary in Rochester yet? What is its present status?

Yours fraternally,

A. K. Strong.

Pastor Park Church.

Ashland, Ohio, Oct. 24, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

The young ladies of my charge propose to furnish a box of clothing for the needy family of some Dom. Missionary. The Board at Phila. seem so mixed as not to know very fully the wants of missionary families. I address you therefore to ask of you if you will inform us of some family needing this sort of help. Please tell us the size of the family as to numbers, the sex & ages of the children & what articles would be most acceptable & useful. The location of the family & how we should address a box for its use &c., would be useful information. They desire, I think to make if possible a New Years present to some family. The more minute the information you give, the better will they be able to adapt themselves to the wants to be supplied. Be kind enough to answer at your earliest convenience. And may the Lord bless the work of the church in the frontier regions a hundred fold.

Yours fraternally,

Rev. S. Jackson.

Please address Rev. John Robinson, Ashland, Ohio.

La Crescent, Minnesota,
Oct. 26, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Father Lyon thought that you had not thought of Bro. Mair & requested me to write him concerning clothing, which I did & received the enclosed from him. As I thought likely you had written him, but I enclose his letter to you.

Bro. Smith's church was dedicated yesterday, Sam'l preaching.

My little horse proves good & is a great help to me in getting out back in the Country. I have considerable encouragement at Hokah, and the expectation of a good addition of one man, an Elder in Penn. to our little Brownsville church. This man, Mr. Bell, says, never fear, he never heard of a Presbyterian church dying. He is the kind we need.

Your Bro. in Christ,

J. H. Carpenter.

Saratoga Springs, Oct. 26th.

Mrs. Jackson,

My dear Madam:

I have taken the liberty to send you a shawl worn long ago by my dear mother now in Heaven, and by her bequeathed to me. I send it in the missionary box because she loved the missionary cause, and if you will accept it, and wear it, I shall be happy to have you do so. If you should not care for it yourself, please give it to some one else, engaged in the same work.

Your friend in Christian love,
Sarah S. Davison.

Austin, Minn.,
Oct. 27, 1868.

Mrs. H. N. Newkirk,

Dear Madam:

Your kind letter of the 19th to Mrs. Mayhew was received a day or two since & she wishes me to reply.

The \$10. you sent us last spring encouraged us much. It was \$10. & every dollar helped us greatly; but your encouraging words helped us more.

You speak of your now sainted husband. We felt much as though God had removed one of our nearest and dearest friends & acquaintances. With whom will God fill his place in the Church, especially in the Board? The Lord does all things well. He has called him up higher, & his works do follow him. Even to the end of time shall God's glory abound in ever expanding circles, through the faithfulness of that one servant so fruitfully & abundantly did the grace of God work in him & by him. That his widow realizes that God is the God of the widow I am sure.

You say that Mr. Jackson gave you by name for a box of clothing. Bro. J. is peculiarly watchful over the interests of the Missionary. Many mouths has he, instrumentally filled, many backs warmed. God will reward him. You ask for particulars, measures, &c., which I will give you by the help of Mrs. M.

H. A. Mayhew.

Tipton, Iowa,
Nov. 2d, 1866.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

According to promise, I enclose you the list you requested, so that such selections may be made from it, as is most convenient to the donors, & without presuming to expect that all mentioned can be supplied. I mentioned in my general remarks that if desired I can send good fitting waist patterns, but did not know whether I should trouble you or the board with such matters, & thought those who provided might think it an intimation that I wished everything complete. If dresses are made from patterns sent however, it throws the responsibility of their fitting upon us, & not upon those who make them, & must save a great deal of trouble not to be obliged to make them from the measure alone.

I will be most happy to answer any inquiries to this, or any matter that I have not explained satisfactorily, for I prepared the list amid many interruptions, & it may not be very comprehensive. Mr. H. returned home on Saturday. Our eldest son was quite ill for 2 weeks, but is now on his way home, very weak. I am sorry Mr. H. could not write to you. He was obliged to attend a funeral this morning & this has been so long delayed, I could not wait on his answering without keeping it over another mail, so send it off in haste. He unites with me in thanking you & the Board for their kind interest in our behalf.

Very respectfully yours,
E. W. Hughes.

P. S. Mr. H. has just returned from the funeral, & brought your letter from the P. O. I will enclose the list to Rev. Mr. Gregory, as it will save you the trouble of doing so, & you must have your hands full of correspondence. May the Lord strengthen & bless you in your labors of love is our fervent prayer. Much obliged for the information contained in the letter & for your kind wishes.

Very respectfully yours,
E. W. H.

Mr. H. says if you are ever in this region of country to make us a visit. We will be most happy to see you.

Jackson, Minn., Nov. 2nd, 1868.

Rev. G. W. Musgrave, D. D.,

My dear Sir:

Enclosed please find \$5.00 & acknowledge it among the receipts of the B'd. of Dom. Missions, as the regular contribution of the Presb. Church of this place (under Presbytery of S. Minn.)

Our church was organized Aug. 30th, 1868, & this is our first contribution of any kind. The gift is small, but as drops make the ocean, we throw in our wife praying that by God's blessing descending in copious showers upon the hearts of His people, and springs of benevolence may be raised & a mighty flood of treasure poured in through all channels to carry on the work of the Lord's.

Our membership is small (only ten) & our people very poor; but we trust that by God's blessing in the increase of our numbers & means, we shall be able to do more as we grow older.

As our little church has rec'd. no aid from the B'd., this will not be regarded in the light of the action of the boy who generously presented to his father a pair of socks having gotten them on his father's account at the store, assuring the merchant, "Dad will pay for these".

Perhaps, my dear Sir, this last remark may strike you as a little spicy. To be frank, I confess that it does savor slightly of my feelings at present. Though laboring under many trials to plant our standard here, I have not felt the least sense of injustice toward me in view of the B'd's. refusal to commission me, as the funds were exhausted. But I must say that I felt hurt & grieved & indignant, as I took up the N. W. Presbyterian of Oct. 24th (which did not reach me till the 31st) and read your "Caution" of the 16th ult.

I acknowledge the right of the B'd. to manage its own funds & to collect, by any agencies it may establish, as much of the treasure of the Lord's, in the church, or out of the Church, as it can. I acknowledge also the duty of all ministers & laymen in the church to support & forward the work of the Board. But I deny most emphatically, the right of the Executive Com. of the B'd. of Missions, or any other set of men to lay their hands upon the Lord's common treasure & forbid any other of his servants to use therefrom, to say that any other shall not make "systematic efforts" to carry on the Lord's work in particular fields.

With God's word before me, I cannot see in the "independent operation", which, in your "Caution to the Christian public", you censure and attempt to defeat, any injustice whatever to the Missionaries of the Board; nor can I see the benefit to accrue to the B'd. should you succeed in defeating them, for I read (Prov. 11:24-26) "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; & there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat, & he that withholdeth shall be watered also himself. He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it."

Again I fail to see, with my Bible before me, the spirit of the teaching of Christ in this "Caution" of the Executive Committee for turning to Mark 9:38-40 & Luke 9:49-50, I find that when the beloved disciple told the Saviour that they had found one systematically casting out devils & (in the spirit of your Caution) forbade him, because he walked not with them (the regular Executive Committee) our Lord did not endorse their disapproval.

And so, my dear Sir, we think could we hear the voice of our divine Master, in answer to the "Caution" of the Ex. Com. of the B'd. of Missions against the efforts made to support those whom the Board cannot support, it would command, "Perchance not, for he that is not against us is for us".

Now I do not know whom your "Caution" contemplated heading off; but I know that some of our brethren from this Synod (St. Paul) have gone forth endeavoring, not to cripple the Board by drawing from their resources, but by the Lord's help to awaken an interest in the Mission work that, it is hoped will result both in relieving the immediate necessities of frontier Missionaries & in larger gifts to the Board.

And in view of this fact, I surmise that these very ones are those whom this "Caution" of the Ex. Com. warns the public against. But it matters not whether in this I surmise rightly or not. If such men were abroad endeavoring to raise funds to carry on the gospel work in Texas or California, I would bid them God speed & expect that their success would develop a giving spirit that would help us along in Minnesota.

Perhaps, it may be regarded as the height of presumption for a young man to write those who are older men & men to whose judgment is intrusted the most responsible work of the Church; but, my dear Sir, I claim the right, as one interested in the contemplated results of this document, to protest against it. And I do thus protest because the whole

spirit of that "Caution" is directly in opposition to what I take to be the teaching of scripture in this matter & which I have been laboring to impress upon my little flock, namely that giving to the Lord does not impoverish, but develops the ability to give still more.

Again I protest against the right of the Ex. Com. to put their feet upon the necks of any Missionary, commissioned or not, & say that they shall not receive from the benevolent their bread, unless it passes through their hands. And most earnestly do I protest also against their right, their moral right, to put forth a document that will dampen & chill the spirit of liberality in the churches, as does this "Caution to the Christian Public". That this is the tendency of this document, I am persuaded from its effect here.

But this is enough. Hoping to be excused for thus imposing upon your time & praying that the Lord will crown with success both the "independent operations" which you condemn, & all the Boards efforts for the replenishing of the treasury and carrying forward its work, I am, my dear Sir,

Very respectfully,

Yours in the Gospel,

Edward Savage.

New York, Nov. 2nd, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Last spring, Mrs. Walsh and I thought it best to send the clothing and papers we had on hand to yourself to dispose of to those Missionaries who might be in need. You sir, thought it advisable to keep them until Fall. Mrs. Walsh did not return to the City early and I feared it was getting full late in the season. So I got a friend to pack for me as I was not then well enough to pack for myself. The two barrels were sent by the American Express, they were shipped about 3 weeks since to your address free of expense.

I forgot to notify you, thought nothing of it until I heard your name mentioned as being in Synod. I surely thought you would certainly give me a call, so again I delayed writing. I do hope my shameful neglect has not annoyed you too much.

Yours most truly,

Amelia Kerr.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Bro.:

Your sending the name of bro. Cunningham has just been recd. Our ladies meet tomorrow to organize for Missionary work. I shall try to interest them in that devoted brother. There seems to be considerable enthusiasm among these with whom I have conversed on the organization. Had you stated some of the Synod facts in your note I would have been glad. Can't you find time to do it yet & soon? The more we know of Mr. C. the deeper will be the interest felt in him.

Yours in the gospel,
James Roberts.

Coatesville, Chester Co., Pa.

3 Nov., 1868.

Jackson, Minn., Nov. 3rd, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of the 27th ult. from Chicago was rec'd this morning. I felt a little disappointed in its announcement, but never mind -- the Lord will provide. I shall be grateful for the stipulated favor by Dec. 1st. With that I think I can get along. The work of getting out the framing timber is slow, but I trust I shall have better success in a few days in getting men & teams. I have only one load of lumber in from Mankato, three teams out & two more to send. My bill from Aukeny, Robinson & Pettit of Minneapolis amounted to only \$140. I paid the freight out of my own pocket.

I have felt ---- well I can't tell you how I have felt for a two or three days past, in view of the article in the N. W. Presbyterian of Oct. 24th, headed "Caution".

I wrote to Dr. Musgrave yesterday, enclosing our contribution to the Bd. of D. Missions, & I very plainly told him of my feelings in reference to this document of the Ex. Com.

I have thought since writing to Dr. M. that if our good Bro. Lyon could have stood behind me and read over my shoulder, he would have put his hand on my arm with his careful, "Hold on, Ed., not too fast." But, my dear brother, under the circumstances it was as impossible for me to keep still as it would be for a cork to keep under water. When you know the circumstances that conspired to make me feel keenly the faith

chilling effect of this "Caution" of the Ex. Com. of the B'd. of Dom. Missions, you will not wonder that I felt like boiling over.

Last week was a very busy week for me & I was not able to get at my sermon till Saturday morning, except to think of a subject, as I run around, & determine to present the claims of the B'd. of D. Miss. & preach a sermon on the duty & practicability of beneficence, for all. As I was casting about for a text, from which to draw encouragement & show my little flock that, even in their own poverty & pressing need, it would be consistent & proper for them to contribute, I took up the letter of a friend, in which, after a kind expression of sympathy for me in the trials of my work, I found these encouraging words, "But amidst all may you ever remember the divine promise Jehovah-Jireh". These words seemed so full of encouragement & capable of such wide application, that I at once took up a sheet of sermon paper & wrote down, Gen. 22:14 as my text, and when Saturday morning came went to writing under the following circumstances, not the best favorable for sermonizing. The cold wind drove me from my study, in the airy loft of the house, to the well occupied room below, where Mrs. Garratt (who is one of the kindest of women) cleared off her breakfast table to afford me a place to write, where I could keep warm, and afterward went back to her wash-tub, where she had her baby in a high chair by her side, striving to keep the little thing from crying & to work at the same time, while her oldest (a bright little girl of two & a half years) was running about the floor, occasionally showing her liking for me by throwing a young kitten into my lap or carrying off some of my papers or books. And the domestic scenes I got on nicely & enjoyed the prospect of completing my sermon that night, being nearly two thirds thro' by the middle of the afternoon. But alas it was not so ordered. About 4 o'clock Mr. Garratt came in with a letter for me & several papers. Of course, not foreseeing any evil in my good mothers handwriting, I opened her letter eagerly & read it through. At the close she wrote "I have marked a "Caution" in the Northwestern for you to read". Again I tore open the N. W. Presbyterian & read the caution of the Executive Committee of the B'd. of Missions. I hardly need tell you that it both stirred me up & made me heartsick; & that after reading it, I could not well feel like saying to these frontier people, who have a hard time to feed & clothe themselves, that they should deny themselves the comforts of life to contribute to the B'd. of Missions, when the Ex. Com.

of that B'd. virtually warns the public against giving to those who are striving to obtain help toward supporting the gospel, & planting the gospel institutions among them. Yet the object of the sermon before me was to show them their duty in contributing to this B'd. to show them that if they exercised faith in giving, their nites now, the Lord would provide for them & increase their ability to give in the future. But with that faith less caution before me & in my mind I could write no more that night, though I sat up till half past one o'clock. I went to bed at last, suffering with an aching head & a dull prospect for the work I anticipated for the Sabbath. In the morning, Mr. Garratt kindly relieved me of taking care of my horse & at half past seven I was writing again. But it seemed as if I could not drive away the thought of that (as it seemed to me) spirit of unrighteous jealousy, that seemed to "stick out" in the whole of that preamble & resolution. After a while, however, I got my thought more on my subject & wrote nearly a third of my sermon between half past seven & a quarter past ten, altho' during a considerable part of the time, both parents were out, leaving me alone with the children, one of which was trying her little (?) lungs to their utmost capacity, while the other was rounning on a tin pan with a butter ladle. Sermon writing in the midst of such a juvenile concert is inconvenient; but without the least "elongation of veracity" I can say that I would rather write all my sermons for a year in the midst of such a bedlum than to have one such document as the late "Caution" of the B'd.'s Executive Committee, published to chill the spirit of liberality among Christians & to dishearten & discourage those laboring upon the outposts of Zion.

But though I felt as if the cold bath of the Executive Committee's Caution had taken all the starch, fire & everything else, out of me, I presented the B'ds. claims & after the sermon took up a contribution. The sermon, however, seemed to me a failure. There wasn't a particle of "vim" in it. After this Saturday's & Sunday's experience you may well judge that I didn't write to Dr. Musgrave without some show of feeling. I could not help it. Perhaps it was wrong, but if so, & if such a work as mine demands that a man should take such things quietly, I have not grace enough, & my dear brother, another man better be sent here. I would step aside & let another in, for I have too much of the "Old Adam" in my constitution, to let men stand on my neck & not let them know who is under them.

But enough of this. I go to my wood lot day after to-morrow with James Kerr to cut some timber for the Church. Hoping to hear from you & praying for God's blessing upon your "independent operations" as well as your appeals in behalf of the Board, I am ever,

Yours fraternally,
Edward Savare.

Kasson, 3d Nov., 1868.

Dear Bro. J.:

Do I "bore" you with my frequent reports of Miss.?? I did not intend to write so soon again. But I have just heard from Cen. Ch., Cincinnati. They can not supply Craven, having filled a box for Hunter in response to a request from Hardine made at the same time as my request.

Craven starts east in a few weeks I presume. I have just read in Presbyterian, "How we minded the Caution" at Synod of Philadelphia, Good. Wilson, Owatonna, has answered the Caution in Observer.

Rev. Devce will supply the pulpit at Rochester for a time, I am told. They have no tho'ts of calling him as pastor.

I am thrown out of a boarding house, think I shall have to go to the hotel, till my study is completed and furnished, and then I suppose my grave will be dug so far as this Ch. is concerned!!

Yours &c.,

John L. Gave.

Wh. Ch. sews for Patterson & me?

- 1 Pair boots size 7 or 7 1/2.
- 1 " shoes " 7.
- 1 Pair Arctic overshoes.
- Black pants & vest -- coat.
- Gloves.
- 40 yards carpeting for my study.
- Every day suit & such things as a boy away from his mother needs.
- size.
- Coat -- Breast 36 1/2 -- Waist 34 -- Entire length from between shoulders 33 1/2.

Sleeve -- Shoulder 7 1/2 -- Elbow 21.
 Pants -- Waist 32 1/2 -- Hip 38
 & increase 32 1/2.
 J. L. G.

 Germantown, Phila.,
 Nov. 4, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Please to name a Sat. morning, when it will be convenient for you to address the 3d Pres. Ch. of Germantown on the subject of Domestic Missions.

I think we can get a cheering contribution, provided you will lay before us the wants of the field & the wants of the Missionaries.

Yours truly,
 Wm. E. Ijams.

 Pittston, Pa.,
 Nov. 5, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 Dear Bro.:

Yours of the 2d inst. is received. Our ladies will make a box of clothing for Rev. I. G. Patterson, & if disposed to work further in this direction prefer to work for a family.

I will communicate with Patterson when the ladies are fairly at work. I retain Patterson's letter & dimensions and return dimensions of Rev. John L. Gase.

Please accept thanks for your attention to my request. Wishing heartily that you may have success in your work,

I am your brother in Christ,
 N. G. Parke.

 Phila., Friday A. M.,
 Nov. 6, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

If you go to Elizabeth, N. J., within a week or two, I want you to call & see Mrs. Schenck, at the house of her sister,

Mrs. Alfred De Witt. She will be glad to talk with you about several matters. But I want you especially to make the acquaintance of Mrs. De Witt, who is rich and generous, and is now warmly interested on behalf of our suffering Domestic Missionaries. She is a member of Bro. Robert's Ch., and has applied to me for the name of some really deserving missionary for whom she may aid in getting up a box. But she wants one of a peculiar sort. I hope you will see & talk to her. I wrote to her to-day that I would ask you to call when you went that way.

Call again at my office when you have time.

Fraternally yours,

W. E. Schenck.

New York, Nov. 6th, 1868.

Dear Bro.:

Ever since we heard of your arrival in these parts, we have been looking for your promised visit.

We shall be very glad to see you when ever it is most convenient to you. Ask Thomas Marsh at the refreshment saloon for us. You will find our carriage at the depot at N. B. on the arrival of the trains from Phila. and N. Y. at 6 1/2 o'clock P. M. They arrive simultaneously. If you are visiting N. Y. at any time take the afternoon train leaving at some where about 4 o'clock, stay with us over night or longer, and take the morning train from N. B. at 8 A. M. and you will arrive in N. Y. at 9 1/2 o'clock, fresh for business? However, suit yourself.

I trust "Caution" has not interfered with your receipts. It was a narrow minded ebullition.

On a certain occasion after a sermon in aid of a certain board, the pastor of the church arose, and stated that a collection would now be taken up in aid of the funds of the Board, but he wished the people to remember that his last quarter's salary had not been paid. His was caution of like sort Narrow.

Yours truly,

Wm. F. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Philadelphia.

Rushford, Minn.
Nov. 6th, 1858.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

On last Saturday when I was at the Depot, about starting for Houston, I was made the happy recipient of a letter containing a check from Mr. S. D. Powel, for \$250.

It was a surprise. I thought perhaps I might be dreaming, for such an amount of money from the Treasurer of the Domestic, at one time, was unsurpassed in the whole of my experience in the ministry, & also in the experience of many of my brethren.

But as I looked at the deep mud underfoot, through which I had just passed & then at the storm clouds above me & felt the chilling wind as it swept past warning of the rapid approach of winter, I concluded I was awake, & was dealing with realities.

The accompanying letter from Rev. S. S. Lowrie, made all necessary explanation, & stated that the money was contributed at Lancaster by persons present at the meeting of the Synod of Philadelphia, & all the result of your address.

My dear Brother, I thank you for remembering me & for securing this amount for me. This money has already assisted us in preparing for the coming winter. I did receive \$25. from Father Lyon when he was here. At that time we had reached our bottom dollar, yes, had gone below it.

I have entirely recovered from my recent sickness & am able to saw my own wood again.

Mrs. C. of course had her hands full during my sickness. She is well but has at present only the full use of one hand, having an extremely sore finger.

I am encouraged here more & more. But Houston gives me the blues every time I think of it.

I do not suppose there will be any church building there this Fall. I have determined we will have some regular place for holding our meetings & have engaged the room where we met to organize. The owner however has reserved the privilege of using a part of it for storing grain, when he is overstocked in the room below.

There is no more interest there than there was in the summer, except that one of the members has handed me his half yearly subscription, five dollars. Mr. Lyon could not get many of them together, but I think his visit has done some good. I will have one preaching point about eight miles to the S. East of Rushford, I go out for the first time next

Sab. They have a good Sab. School, for which Dr. Schenck has just sent me a Library & some Children's Praise.

Lanesboro is growing rapidly. The leading man there is a Presbyterian. The Rail Road will reach that point in two weeks. It is generally regarded as an important place. There is money at the bottom of it & it will surely grow.

Mrs. C. and I are very thankful for all the assistance you have secured for us.

Bro. Gage insisted on sending our names to the Central C. Cincinnati, as applicants for box of clothing. But since we do not need a full outfit, we declined his kind offer.

I will need a few articles when the winter comes & will send the list to you thinking you may have an opportunity of securing them for me.

I need a pair of boots so. such as I can wear comfortably with overshoes.

I also need a pair of overshoes (Arctics) such as would be proof against cold & wet. I had a good pair, which I bro't West with me but tramped them out at Owatonna last winter. The black suit which you were so kind to get me last winter will be nearly used up by this winter's work & although I do not need a new one now, yet since this is the season for making such solicitations perhaps I ought now to apply. What do you think? There is just one item more & I hope you will not think that I have become entirely disregardless of the "Caution" after my donation from the Synod of Philadelphia, or have had my wants opened up by that timely favor. But while we have the assurance that our bodily wants will be cared for during the winter (presuming of course, that the good people of Rushford will continue their faithfulness in bearing their portion of the burden & that our friends at Houston will be bro't to see their duty in a new light) I do not feel able to make that provision for my mental wants, which I desire. I would like to keep in sight of my brethren as they press forward in the ranks of learning. I did once resolve that I would add one hundred dollars annually to my Library, but my situation this year will not allow me to expend one half of that amount.

Permit me here to state that I have made application to the Foudinot fund for assistance to start a Congregational or Ministers Library. I do not know whether my application will be successful, or if so, how many books it will purchase, or how soon they will reach this place. I have in my mind several volumes which I wish to hold as my personal

property. The point is this - I will agree to wear my old overcoat this winter (unless I have to preach out on the Prairie, & am compelled to get a buffalo coat) if you can get me twenty or twenty-five dollars worth of books. If this will interfere in any way with the needed assistance of any Missionary brother, I will say give him his bread first & after that if my request can be granted I will be thankful.

Mrs. C. joins me in kindest regards to you. Hoping that God may bless you & make you abundantly instrumental in securing assistance for all our Missionaries

I am, your friend & Bro.
W. W. Cunningham
Ashford,

Minn.

P.S. List - Scots, No. 8.

Overshoes " ", to suit the boot.

Books, (further information)

I will make out a list of books and forward to you if you think it proper for me to do so.

R.H.C.

Brooklyn, Nov. 7th, 1868.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of Nov. 3d was duly recd. & met my expectations as to your whereabouts, & business, as I had heard of your being at Synod in N. York, but more of this when we meet.

Your pamphlet has not reached me. Am very sorry.

Can you tell me of a needy Congregational Missionary, for whom Dr. Buddington's people could make up a box? If so, please send his address. I wish very much to see you, & hear of this chance of work.

See the Trasks before you do me. Early in the morning I am almost sure to be in, say nine o'clock.

With kindest regards from both of us,

Truly,

S. M. G. Merrill.

Enclosed please find a check for ninety dollars.

\$20 From Mrs. Marquand.

10 Mrs. Trask.

10 Mrs. Wyckoff.

50 Mrs. Merrill.

Minneapolis, Minn.,
Nov. 9, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your kind letter was received this morning, and my heart overflowed with gratitude to God, who had turned my anxiety into pleasant, sustaining hope. The sickness and burial of my dear children involved me in debt, and my removal to this place, whilst it bettered my condition in some respects, made it necessary to buy articles of furniture to supply the place of what had been so kindly lent by Mr. Richard Chute & his brother: so that I am in as straightened circumstances at present as I have ever been. Yesterday I made a very earnest appeal to my people in behalf of Domestic Missions, and they responded nobly. Although I have not one dollar to give, I subscribed five dollars, in faith, and my children emptied their missionary boxes. When your letter came I thought of the text; "Give, and it shall be given unto you, &c."

I thank you, dear Bro., for your sympathy and kindness, and I know that our toiling, anxious missionaries often link your name with their prayers. The Master, too, remembers your labors of love, and to present blessing will add a richer reward on another day. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

When your work in the East is done, I trust you will return to Minnesota, and continue your labors here through many years to come.

I ventured to write a reply to "The Caution", but shall not be surprised if the Presbyterian reject it, although I endeavored to write kindly. So far as my knowledge extends, there is but one feeling concerning the paper published by the Executive Committee -- a feeling of great regret.

But I would not tax your time too heavily. We will remember you in our prayers. May you have great success in your work.

Affectly & truly yours,
P. F. Sample.

Mechanicsville, Iowa,
Nov. 9, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

Your kind note of the 6th inst. is at hand. You

say that the Board of D. M. desires to know if I could make use of a box of clothing. I could hardly answer negatively to the question put in that way; but allow me to remark, that I am receiving a salary the present year of \$800., have to pay \$200 house rent, am installed pastor of this Congregation with the pledge of \$1000, but this am't. of support does not begin until the 1st of May next, the commencement of my second year. Last year, the first after leaving the Seminary, the ladies almost killed us with kindness. The ladies of the tenth Pres. Ch. Phila. sent us a very useful and valuable box of goods, and those of the Ch. at Saltsburg, Pa., repeated the kindness a few months afterwards. This year my congregation is independent of Red Oak with which it was formerly connected, and for the first year in its history is self sustaining. The Pres. of Cedar recommended us to the B'd. of D. M. for \$100, but when I ascertained the distressed condition of the B'd. I was unwilling to receive the money and was not displeased at all when the Sec'y. wrote me that he could not make the appointment.

In regard to the clothing, let me say that while I could use some things, I would much prefer that the box be sent to some missionary who needs it worse. I could not conscientiously ask for it for I can get along without it.

Please accept sincere thanks for your kind offer, and try to send the box to some missionary who is laboring under circumstances of greater want.

Very truly I am yours,
J. W. Knott.

Newburgh, N. Y.,
Nov. 9, 1866.

Rev. & Dear Bro.:

Yours of the 2d inst. is before me. I will be happy to hear from Bro. Jackson & will exert myself to furnish him supplies to as liberal an extent as possible. Not a few of my good people will exert themselves in the matter.

Allow me to ask how a box can best be sent to Bro. Jackson? Whether thro' freight can be paid? Whether these gifts to individuals are in addition to salary from the Board? & whether the value of contents is credited to Cong. or only the fact?

With much esteem,
Yours very affly.
R. Howard Wallace.

Bridgeton, Nov. 9th, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Mrs. Sheppard of our Young Ladies Seminary has found her pupils so interested that they are ready to begin on a Missionary box. Be so good as to send her some one to work for with description etc., as soon as possible.

Yours fraternally,
C. R. Gregory.

Hurry up a candidate for our box for our people are all wanting to go to work. Strike while the iron is hot. For your own encouragement our collection is likely to reach 500 instead of 325 last year and the box will be something worth having.

I have written to the church at Oneida telling them to secure you for one of your Sabbaths. It is now one of the most important churches in that section and growing more so every year. If you go there, remember that many of them were originally N. S. or Congregationalists. They will respond to the appeal for spreading the gospel and for clothing I am sure.

Rev. S. Jackson:

Dear Sir:

I received your note this morning in reply to my letter. I am sorry that you cannot advise us immediately of a Missionary family, for we feel anxious to make up our box soon, but will do what we can by way of preparation.

Dr. Muncy (our Pastor) desires me to say to you, that he will be most happy to give you his pulpit, either the Wednesday eve. lecture, Nov. 18th, previous to the 4th Sabbath in Nov., when he understands you will then preach for Dr. Paxton in the morning, or if more agreeable to you, that same Sabbath afternoon. He thinks, and so do the Ladies, that your audience will be larger than if a meeting of ladies only were called. I write in haste. With regards, yours,

P. A. Lathrop.

220 West 38th St.

Nov. 10th, 1868.

Rondout, N.Y.
Nov. 10th, 1868.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

The ladies of my congregation are desirous of making up a box of clothing with which to relieve the wants of some one of the needy Missionaries under the care of the Pres. Board of Domestic Missions.

While in attendance upon meeting of Synod in New York, I heard you state that you would furnish upon application, the name of such person. Hence, I write asking that you will put us in communication with some one of the dear heroes who are fighting for Jesus at the front.

We shall take up our regular collection for the Board next Sabbath, but we desire in addition to relieve some of the distress which you portrayed.

Please address me as soon as convenient, as below and believe me

With cordial sympathy,
Yours in the fellowship of Christ.

E. D. Ledyard,
Pastor Presbyterian Church,
Rondout, N.Y.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Board Domestic Missions
207 Arch St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Lewisburg, Nov. 10th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I laid the matter of the box of clothing before a meeting of the Ladies last night, & they propose to make it ready to send it on immediately, as the winter is near at hand. How shall the box be sent? by Express, I suppose; and to what place shall it be directed? Shall it be sent directly to Bro. Lees, or via. the District Secretary?

Yr. bro. in Christ,
B. T. Jones.

Newark, Nov. 10, 1868.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Sir:

The Ladies of South Park Church, intend sending a Missionary box, and not knowing of your whereabouts, whether

You have left Philadelphia, &c., with us to write asking you how they shall direct the same; also to say, instead of sending to some particular family, if you are willing, they prefer the contents of said box, to be subject to your distribution to whomsoever you think most needy. Please therefore reply soon sending your address.

29 Walnut St.
Newark, N.J.

Yrs. respectively,
Mrs. Horace Alling.

Frankvill, Iowa, Nov. 11, 1858.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Enclosed you will find the list called for in your kind note. We shall be very thankful for a box of clothing. I suppose it would be too much to ask for a sewing machine also. I am still feeling unsettled at F.- and if you can make any suggestions to me, or for me, to a suitable field it will be a great favor. Please do not speak of it where this people will hear it, for if, after all, it is the Lord's will that I should remain I do not wish them to know that I am not perfectly satisfied. Please hand this note to Dr. Musgrave.

Mrs. C. reciprocates most cordially Mrs. Jackson's of kind remembrances. Bro. Frothingham. I understand, is on probation of a few Sabbaths at Cedar Rapids.

Hope you will soon be among us. Come and make us a visit soon.

Yours in Christ,
J. W. Crawford.

West Union, Fayette Co. Iowa
Nov. 11, 1858.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Your kind letter of the 24th inst. came to hand yesterday. You inquire whether we could make use of a box of clothing &c. I reply that we are not in need of that kind of aid at present. The ladies of our infant congregation having something of the missionary spirit have talked of making up a box of clothing for some that are more needy than we are, & I hope they may do so before long. Yet as it regards aid in the way of money, that is greatly needed. When I came here last April, application was made for aid for this church

to the amount of \$300.00, but it could not be granted, & we have not along without it. At our late meeting of the Presbytery of Frankville in this place, the application was renewed for \$200.00, still the prospect of receiving aid is not very encouraging. As to the field that I occupy, I think it is one of great promise. One year ago yesterday I preached my first sermon to a little band of 15 members. They had been organized into a church in June previous. I spent 4 Sabbaths with them at that time, & then returned to Pennsylvania. My impressions respecting this part of Iowa & the prospects of building up a liberal self-sustaining church in West Union, were very favorable, & they have not since changed. Last April I came here with my family & took charge of this enterprise. No certain amount at that time had been pledged for my support. There was no other church near to take a portion of my time, & the Bd. of Missions could give me no help. Ask some of the well supported city Pastors, & some of their Elders, who can count their millions, whether it does not require something of the apostolic spirit in order to lay the foundation of a church in such a field? I left a pleasant home, & came here at great pecuniary sacrifice; but I shall never regret having come. My labors have been blessed. We now number 30 members & we have good hope of many more additions before long. I have devoted my whole time to the work in this place, until recently I have been preaching once in two weeks in the afternoon at Clermont, a village 10 miles distant. There is a very small organization at that place in the N. S. connection. They have a very good house of worship, a good choir & a Sunday School, & I may have regular appointments there in all probability; but they can do but very little by way of support.

My main dependence for support must be at this point. West Union is the county seat of Fayette Co., containing a population of about 1700, & is a young place, of considerable business, & importance. The attendance upon the means of grace, & the interest manifested are quite encouraging. There are a number of Congregational, & U. P. families, that are supporters, & attend the means of grace, & that we hope may unite with us as members. We have a Sunday School & Bible Class well attended. And some part of the time we have had a weekly prayer meeting. But two things we greatly need -- 1, some aid from the P. of Missions, 2, A good substantial house of worship. Our people purchased the old Methodist church in this place, but it is small & uncomfortable & does by no means meet the necessities of our case. We shall have to make an

effort to build a church & in this we shall need aid from others. But when we look toward the Board of Church Extension we find it overwhelmed with calls for help, and I have thought now easy it would be for some Presbyterians of large means, to send us all the aid we need, and I know if they were fully imbued with the spirit of the Master which he breathed forth in His prayer to the Father, when he said, "that they may all be one as we are one", & could see how their works would live after them, they would gladly lend a helping hand.

May you not have an opportunity of seeing & talking with some that have large means, & large hearts, & love the Presbyterian Church, & would like to invest some of their money, before death comes to dissolve their title to it, in a way that their works might live for the honor of Christ after them? If you meet with such, please to give them my address. Tell them that we are engaged in a great work here -- that under God we are laying the foundation of a church which we hope will stand till Gabriel's trumpet shall sound, & shall bless unborn millions.

I would be glad to correspond with any that would be willing to help in this work. I could tell them of one of the finest sections of the country, that the sun has ever shone upon, & of what the Lord hath done for us, & of what we hope may yet be done in the great work of church extension &c., &c.

Yours truly,

James W. Dickey.

Lake City, Wed. Morning,
Nov. 11th, 1868.

My dear Bro. Jackson:

You did write me briefly from Troy, N. Y. I am much indebted to you for your interest in me & mine & the cause. I wrote to Mr. Jenkins briefly & suppose we shall hear from them shortly.

It is I think much as you say, that but for such help as this I should hardly be able to remain on the field. This Lake City Church is in some important respects the hardest & most discouraging one I know of. I wish the Board knew exactly all about it.

I hardly see how we are to be kept afloat for another year on anything short of \$300. from the Bd. The subscription to the Salary will fall off from about \$500 to about \$250. owing in part to hardtimes & in great part to a miserable disaffection & opposition on the part of the ignorant, self-conceited, universalists &c., &c. Sigla, the Elder is doing his very best night & day, I guess, against me, & he may make it impossible for me to be useful here. But I think I shall stay at least another year unless Providence makes my course to leave as clear as He did my coming. I shall seek wisdom & strength daily from the Faithful Promises, & stay I think. You will pray for me & for us, will you not? I have remembered you specifically at the throne of Grace & will still do so. Recd. a short note from Bro. Lyon when yours came. He says, "I suppose you know Bro. Jackson has resigned at Rochester". I did not know anything of the sort. Dear me, what a country & what a world. It will come before Presbytery I suppose of course. I have been glad to read of your labors since you left. We are all pretty well, thanks to a merciful Providence. Winter is upon us, snow, snow, -- the river must close soon I think.

We all join in sincere love to you & yours. Will the Board expect any communication from this Church (the Session) before making the appropriation. They may be safely informed, I am satisfied, that only about \$250 can be depended on here.

Yours in sincerest regards & holy labors,
J. A. Annin.

Rochester, Nov. 11th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your favor of Oct. 27th was duly recd. Mr. Andrews also received your letter of Resignation addressed to the session.

Your resignation will cause deep regret to a great majority of the Ch. & Congregation, but we have no doubt that your present and future field will be one of wider influence & usefulness. We saw the "Caution" of the Home Miss. Sec., and how it was minded at the Meeting of Synod of Phila. at Lancaster (Presbyterian of Oct. 31st.)

There is nothing new in Church matters since you left. The 1st Sab. after you left, Mr. Devoe preached the morning & Mr. Roberts in the evening. 2nd Sab., Mr. Stead in the A. M. & Mr. Roberts (who had returned from Albert Lea) in the

evening. 3rd Sab., Mr. McNulty preached & since that time Mr. Devoe has filled the pulpit. Mr. Devoe preaches with a good degree of acceptance. He is really a good preacher and suits the elderly portion of the people very well. He is rather monotonous and lacks force.

Mr. Roberts certainly does not lack where Mr. Devoe does. His voice is strong and his style forcible & impressive. Still many think Mr. Devoe's sermons are the best. For myself I think I would like Mr. Roberts very well, but a considerable number think Mr. Roberts is not quite the man we would like.

We learn that Dr. Berry is at Wabasha and suppose that he has nothing definite on his hands. After consulting Mr. Lyons on the subject we have written to him to see if he would preach for us for a time. We have understood that he still retains his connection with his Ch. at Jersey City and that they only gave him leave of absence until Spring, and that it is not possible that we could get him longer (if at all) than through the winter.

Dr. Berry is undoubtedly a good preacher and if we could get him during the winter it would give us time to find the right man. We would be glad to hear from you about the matter. James has forwarded your mail matter as directed. Mrs. Dr. Allen is low, she may live till spring, but it is not expected. Mr. Stedman died shortly after you left. Mr. Cobb, formerly of St. Paul has been appointed to M. E. Church here. Mr. Abbott from the East has arrived and preaches for the Baptists. The Episcopalians have also secured a new Minister Mr. from Conn.

I have just seen Mr. Balwin. He sends his kind regards to yourself and family. Although he is sorry that the separation has taken place, yet he hopes and expects a large field of usefulness will be opened for you. Mrs. Elder wrote Mrs. Jackson and will look for answer. She unites with our family in sending kind regards to yourself and family. With our best wishes and prayers for your usefulness and happiness, I remain,

Your Aff. Bro.,
Wm. Elder.

The fears alluded to by you from some disaffected Prethren here, I think will not be realized. We have heard nothing from that quarter. I believe \$100 was sent to you for the S. S. Library, you have doubtless recd. it.

Saratoga Springs, Nov. 12th, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I forwarded to you last week by Express a box of clothing etc., which I hope will reach you by the time you receive this letter. I believe Mrs. Davison has sent a note with the shawl, she spoke to you about. There was with it also a piece of a dress like one which had been sent from Schenectady to Mrs. Jackson, & which she may need. All other garments, paper, envelopes etc., are to be distributed at your discretion, to the missionaries, Congregational or Presbyterian as you may find they need. I hope the Lord will give you the needed wisdom to distribute properly. Being a Presbyterian I am more afraid you will be unjust to your own denomination, lest you should seem to be influenced by your preferences. But I think those who have contributed to this box, will not care how they go, so long as God's suffering ministers and their families are helped. I have sent 2 horses which you can either give to some little boys (from 5 to 7 years of age) or if you can sell them, let the money go to the missionaries. I tried to sell them this summer, but did not succeed. Have sold some heretofore for \$3.50 each. They have sold as high as \$5. and \$6. or 7 -- but they were raffled for without my consent. But the pleasure they may afford some little fellow, may be worth more than the money. There are some second hand Sabbath School books, which came from our Presbyterian School, and if you think them good enough give them to some school of our denomination. There are other books that Mrs. Davidson put in. She may have written what was to be done with them, if not use your judgment.

I was gratified to learn through the columns of the Presbyterian of your success at Lancaster. I hope you may reap the reward of your efforts for the Master by abundant supplies pouring in for the laborers at the "front". Please acknowledge the receipt of the box and when the articles are distributed, pray let us know anything of interest concerning them. I am sorry that our experiment of Union effort here, should place you in an embarrassing position about distributing, but the Lord will direct you, and it won't happen again, for I can see that it was not the best way. Mr. Woodbridge offered the Psalms & Hymns, and I would have put them in the box, if they had been sent up in place of the other books, but they did not come. Mr. Newland, one of our elders said he had promised them to Mr. Frothingham, who is engaged in the same work with you in Minnesota. Perhaps you had better write

Florence Metz.

(or get Mr. F. to do so) to Mr. Newland or Dr. Woodbridge about them. One of our elders, Mr. Fouda, has a good many theological books, left by his father-in-law, Rev. Mr. Dunton, which his wife thought the missionaries might like. I told her if she could make out a catalogue for me, I would forward it and they could select such as they desired and perhaps those and the Hymn Books could go together.

With my kindest wishes for the happiness of yourself and family and success in your field of labor, I am,
Truly your friend in the Lord,
Mary E. Jenkins.

Janesville, Waseca Co., Minn.,
Nov. 15th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your note and check is duly reced. I hereby beg to gratefully acknowledge that by God's goodness & mercy, I reced. a check to Rev. S. Jackson, signed by Horace Alling, Newark, New Jersey. When I reced. it, it seemed like a streak of heavenly light burst through my desponding soul, saying:

"Judge not the Lord by feebleness, But trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning Providence, He hides a smiling face".

I had but one dollar, was in debt \$20 and had a fair prospect of getting deeper in. This check will assist me amazingly. I hope dear Bro. Jackson, that your mission East will be blest of High Heaven. My wife unites with me in sending to you and family our kindest regards.

Perhaps you saw in Presbyterian, Nov. 7th, an article, "Still need for 'Caution'". Under head 4th you will read as follows, "How about the one hundred of others -- in all the States and Territories -- just as self-sacrificing and just as faithful? Who is to plead their cause?"

There ought to be men in every Synod and Presbytery to plead their cause. Our St. Paul Synod is doing just what every other Synod ought to do and is free to be done by all. Let every Synod do as ours is trying to do, and our church will not go poking along behind every other church worthy the name and consideration of a church. Had you better not look over that and answer it?

Your Bro. in Christ,
Jno. J. Vawter.

Belvidere, N. J., Nov. 16th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Can you come & spend a Sabbath with me soon & talk to our people on Domestic Missions? Are you engaged for the 1st Sab. of Dec.? If cannot come then say when. I have not yet heard from Mr. Crawford, but have written him this morning our ladies are anxious to go to work. I sent to the Board last year & waited till our patience was exhausted & our Ladies worked all the time in the dark. Put a list of families into the hands of some one & then call for Churches to engage in sending out a box for each family & will do our Churches good. Can't our District Secty. attend to the matter?

Let me hear from you soon.

Yours truly,
David Tully.

Rushford, Minn.,
Nov. 18th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We have recd. an inquiry from a young ladies Society in Pittsburg -- known as the "Bakewell Mission Society"-- asking where they can dispose of a box of clothing to a Missionary.

I do not know who is in need & therefore refer them to you. Please address the Secretary, Miss Sallie F. Murdock, St. Charles Hotel, Pittsburg, Pa., & inform them where a box of clothing is needed.

The ladies composing this Society are the members of a Bible Class in the Second Church Pittsburg, & this is their first attempt at doing anything for the Missionary cause as a society.

They are anxious to do something & can send a box off soon, if they only knew where to send it. I hope you will encourage this young society by showing them that their efforts are really needed & appreciated.

We are both well. We spent a day at La Crosse this week. Bro. Smith & family are well. I met Bro. Frothingham on his way north for his family. He wishes to get them to Cedar Rapids, his new field, before the river is closed.

I have not heard of Bro. Steads return yet. I had a short conversation with Col. Bruyton of Lanesboro a few days ago. He says they will be ready to organize a church soon &

that he has been corresponding or consulting with Bro. Keihl on the subject.

The people of Rushford are talking of uniting Rushford with Lanesboro. They ask me why I do not leave the Houston field & take Lanesboro. But they do not understand the arrangements made by Bros. Keihl & Stead, which I do not wish to interfere with, unsolicited. The support (?) at Houston will be about one half what we had calculated. Bros. Coon, Thompson & Hempstead will each give \$25. & Dr. Pope will give \$10. They may get some other small sums when they circulate a subscription or make an effort to get some money for me. I went out to Looney valley last Sab. evening. & preached, but there is an appointment by a Methodist Bro. who will preach there every two weeks -- the Sunday I preach in Houston.

Mrs. Sheldon, a widow lady is making an effort to get a select school in Houston. If she succeeds, we will have her valuable assistance in the Sabbath School & can also have the use of her school room for our meetings. This will be better than the "upper room", where we met to organize, which will be filled (at least partly) during a part of the winter with grain & pork.

We are prospering at Rushford at least in a temporal way. We expect to enter our new school house next Sab. We also expect to have a new organ at the opening service & to have it paid for.

Mrs. C. joins me in kind regards to you & Mrs. J. Pray that God may revive His work in all our hearts & prosper His cause in these new fields.

Praying God may bless & prosper you & yours,
I am your Bro. in Christ,
R. H. Cunningham.

Waseca, Minn.,
Tuesday Evening,
Nov. 19th, 1866.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I am just now in receipt of yours of 6th inst. containing check for (\$100), one hundred dollars. I will dispose of the several amounts as directed by yours. I thank you & through you the "lady friend" incognito who sends the ten dollars. I am more concerned just now, & have been for some time, about paying for our Church than anything else. It is approaching completion rapidly. They have no doubt finished putting on

the second coat of plaster this evening & all in good order. But I am coming out about two hundred dollars deeper in debt than I had anticipated and the matter is troubling me, I presume more than it ought. I had expected \$150 at least from Bro. Gage, which you know I can not get now since he has concluded to build at Claremont. I sent my application to the Board and wrote a letter to Dr. Niccolls also. I made out the application for \$500.00, but asked Dr. Niccolls to give me \$200.00 more if possible. I have recd. a reply this evening, in which he says he thinks "it will be impossible to increase the amt. to \$700.00 without a recommendation from Presbytery". The Board will meet he says "as soon as Mr. Coe returns from the East". Could you have any power to act in the premises as Chairman of Com. on Missions in Pres.? If you have, and will drop a line to Dr. Niccolls I know it will be all that is needed to secure the extra \$200.00 and if that is secured I will be relieved of a very great deal of anxiety in the matter I assure you. I have \$500.00 to make up tomorrow and \$400.00 more in a very few days and I am sure I can not see where it is all to come from. But I ought not to mistrust the goodness or faithfulness of the Divine Master for He has given our enterprise success now beyond my faithless anticipations. Won't you write a line to Dr. Niccolls? If you will do so right away, he will receive it before the Board meets. Another matter. Would it be possible for you to be present and preach the Dedication Sermon for me on the third Sabbath of December? I should like to have you very much indeed for several reasons. First, we would all like very much to hear you preach on that occasion. Second, you are the man who is entitled to preach the discourse. 3d, If we have any money to raise that day, I have great faith in your ability. By the way, I was amused at some writers description of how "We minded the Caution" given in a late number of the Presbyterian. The "Practical lessons" were drawn by a skillful hand & were about as pointed as the "Minutibullet" speech I presume. I infer that Bro. Vawter is the Brother aided by the donation. I thought at first it might be Cousin R. Cunningham, but some circumstantial evidence led me to think otherwise.

Please tell me immediately if you can preach our Dedication Sermon at that time, for if you can not possibly do so, I will provide for it in some other way. The expected box of clothing &c., has not yet arrived, but I presume it will in due season. Another little matter still. Do you think you could secure a donation of bedding for me? Please tell

me in your next. I have a room-mate, a young man from our town in Pa. who is in the printing-office here and he & I propose to furnish the study & occupy it as a room if you can secure me bedding. I will want 4 sheets, 4 pillow cases, and blankets and coverlets enough to keep a man warm in Minnesota, and you know better as to how many that will take than I. If you can secure such a donation it will be most thankfully recd. Please tell me soon what you can do. I have purchased an instrument (a Melodeon) and stoves for our Church, and we expect to give "a grand Vocal & Instrumental Concert" in the Church next Monday night for the purpose of paying in part for furniture.

If you find Dr. Paxton's friend "in your travels" you might suggest to him that the people at Vaseca are quite as fond of the music of a Church-bell as the people at Albert Lea.

Hoping to hear from you very soon & trusting that the Lord will bless you in your Mission, I am dear bro.,

Yours in Christ,

J. G. Patterson.

Kasson, Nov. 21st, 1858.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

I have just returned from Rochester. Sheep without a shepherd they are -- & they begin to feel it.

Mr. Andrews says they are not going to be in a hurry, are willing to wait &c. Dr. Barry has declined -- goes to St. Paul. Ch. was closed last Sab. & will be tomorrow. I am sorry it is so. Mr. Elder hopes when you come back you will help them. Mr. Ainslie preaches tomorrow week. Mr. Elder says this is unwise. He was not consulted in the invitation.

Some one remarked that more than half the Ch. now would vote for you to remain. Public sympathy is changing greatly, as Mr. Paden said he was glad you had done as you did. Mr. Devoe is at Spring Valley, but perhaps he can yet be obtained as "supply". I attended a "social" at Dr. Fletcher's, i.e. Mrs. Hyatts. They are trying the plan of meeting at private houses.

Mrs. Allen is failing fast the past three days. The Dr. tho't she would not live thro' the night, tho' she was still alive this morning.

When may we depend on seeing you? I would like to have you here at the dedication of our Ch., and I have that it might be better to defer the dedication till Jan. so as to give a little time between paying subscription & the extra call to pay off the last cent. What is your advice? When dedicate? Is Lyon to be unseated?

Your Bro.,

John L. Gage.

I wrote you last week asking for bedding &c. for my study, can you obtain it? Or shall I purchase it and carpet? I get scarcely one cent from the people.

I am glad you have an appointment for E. Iowa. By the way "the red cow" is dead!! & Charlie has had a sore back in consequence. He let her get into the corn field!!

Call at Boards rooms & report. I will try & get the Pres. Records from Ainslie. Next week Christian Association meets at Minneapolis.

Mapleton, Kans.,

Nov. 23d, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

Your note of the 6th inst. is before me. In reply I would state that we have just received a small box of very useful articles from the Pres. Church of New Willmington, Pa. With this we can get along pretty comfortably. They also offer to send us any other articles we may need. We thank you very much for your kindness.

We have three brethren laboring in the newly settled regions south of us among a very poor people. These brethren can get no commissions from the Board of W. M. If clothing could be sent to them it would help them greatly. They are Revs. C. W. Herefort of Oswego, S. T. McClure of Merimouth, and J. L. Hawkins of Paxter Springs. These men are laboring with recently organized churches in very promising fields. I have labored here for four years with encouraging success. The Mapleton Church now numbers 50 members, with good Sabbath School and weekly prayer-meeting. My field is purely a missionary field. I have charge of two other small organizations and several preaching stations.

Your brother in Christ,

E. R. Nugent.

New Christiana, Lancasta Co.,
November 24th, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Not knowing your address, I hand you per Mr. Powell, Treasr. Board Domestic Missions, a small check, \$10.25 being result of collections by the "little folks" in our Sabbath Schools attached to the Bellevue Church, of which Rev. Jno. Elliott is pastor, situated at the Gap, Lancaster Co. They thought it could not reach a better destination than through you and we desire that you will write us a letter encouraging the little ones -- addressed to me -- as above.

And wishing you God speed in your labor of love and praying that a kind Providence may have you in His holy keeping, I remain, very truly,

Your friend,
Jacob T. Gest.
Superintendent.

Rev. John Elliott.
Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Jackson, Minn., Nov. 25, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of the 14th with draft rec'd last night. Many thanks for it was just in time. You ask if we need more. We do need it for the hauling costs us as much as the lumber & it has to be paid for immediately. Strange as it may seem I have advanced \$65. from my own funds, to pay for hauling & I need at least \$50 of that to redeem my wood lot on which I am cutting some timber for the Church. I deposited that am't. with Mr. Kimball to pay over to the former owner on delivery of the deed, & to meet emergencies. I have got the money back to pay for hauling.

I have written to Rev. Dr. Puchanan of Milwaukee & to Rev. C. L. Thompson of Cincinnati, of our church work out here. If I am thus playing the (See N. Y. Obs. of Nov. 12th) by so doing, to the detriment of your work let me know & I will desist.

But I must now close.

Yours in haste,
Edward Savage.

We must push our matters here to keep our ground with

the Methodists. They will not help us, except in the way of proving a source of healthy friction for us, without which we would not get on so fast.

Lancaster, Nov. 27th, 1868.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

When you addressed the Synod in L. I was absent, & being desirous to aid the suffering servants of Christ & help forward the "good work" I would be pleased if you would give the names & P. O. of some needy missionaries, or tell me how to aid them. If any new cases of suffering comes within your notice, please communicate it to

Your friend & well wisher,
Anna M. Dale.

Address

Miss A. M. Dale.
Care E. A. Evans.
Lancaster, Pa.

Prescott, Nov. 27th, 1868.

Bro. S. Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

It is with sadness I write you at present. My grant from the Board for the present year is \$170. Mrs. C.'s health is poor, has to do here own work, except when on a sick bed. We have three children to support. As yet can do nothing to assist in getting along. Would you, dear Bro., open the way in some of the churches you visit. "If you find a vacancy" where they are self-supporting, that I might supply them one or two Sabbaths. I have no feeling about the Board diminishing my grant. They must, of course, do the best they can in their crippled condition. With my family it is impossible for us to live on our present support. We have been blessed greatly the past year in our churches, but money is so very scarce they feel they are doing all they can. If you can serve me in this way, you will lay me under many obligations. A young man without a family could fill this place should Providence open up a place for me. With kind regards in which Mrs. C. joins, I am, Yours respectfully,
James Cochran.

Fort Lincoln, Bourbon Co., Kansas.
Nov. 30th, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

Yours of the 6th is before me. Was received a few days ago. Have delayed writing immediately, to consider a little upon my present position.

Three years ago I was under commission from our Board to labor within our Presby. & in S. W. Mo. My health failed while in the work, & I did comparatively little of what I laid off & for months was confined almost to the house.

Then myself & family were pinched, -- sorely pinched, -- sadly perplexed, -- low spirited, -- discouraged. Bronchial affection & general prostration prevented me from doing anything. My private resources were small. I felt it incumbent on me to do something, having 4 children, one boy & three girls, the oldest a boy now of 14 & the youngest a little girl of 6 years. Consequently 3 yrs. next spring I gathered what means I could command & turned my attentions to making & running a farm. The Lord hath blessed me, -- hath given me a good Kansas farm, -- hath given us plenty, plenty of everything to eat. True, we are just now pinched for clothing & a little embarrassed in a want of ready money. But then I have plenty that may probably eventually be turned into money, so by waiting a little patiently & enduring some present inconvenience, believe the Lord, in His good directing Providence, will bring us out all right. Paul says, "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise". Yes, I believe by patient endurance, in a few months we shall experience the promise.

You see I have not been connected with the Board for 3 yrs., have received nothing, have preached only occasionally during this time. But my health is improving & my present business is not congenial. Moreover, about the time your letter came to hand, received a call from a church where I have frequently preached, some 40 miles from here. That Ch. desire me to spend all my time with them, but they can not support me without aid from the Board. Also last week, I received an urgent letter from a ministering brother to come over (50 miles) & assist in preaching & organizing probably two churches.

Now dear brother, what am I to do? Give up a living business, uncongenial & one I dislike, for what my soul loveth & one that is congenial, with a prospect in case my health

fails, of a return of this bitter, disconsolate, perplexing scene & experience 3 yrs. ago?

Trust in God, you say & go forward. Yes Sir: I have & He hath brought me into a large place. Yes & I am ready to trust Him again. But, what can your Board do? "Boys! Boys!" says Bromwell, "Trust in the Lord, but keep your powder dry".

I am ready, willing, anxious, to push into the appropriate work of the ministry. But I am out on the Frontier. Our Churches are feeble, very feeble. Yea, & where there are no churches, the Macedonian cry comes from little squads of Presbyterians, isolated & distant, "Come! Come now & help us."

Oh! I have rode thousands of miles during the 4 or 5 years I was under Com'n. of the Board, rode 1/2 day 20 miles at a time, without the sight of a house or dwelling over these desolate prairies. Yes, worn myself out.--No, No, I am ready if the Lord give me strength to do it again. Probably I can not do it again, but I feel that perhaps the Lord has a work for which he has been preparing me & to which he may soon assign me. I await His orders.

But what about the Powder!? How is it with our Board? We are willing to work, willing to work in an emergency on half rations. But when we have passed through a siege, a long siege on half rations, one rather shrinks from entering upon another immediately. Besides, now, I feel that my children have been deprived of those educational advantages that I enjoyed in the neighborhood of N. Y. City when I was growing up. Our educational advantages are very poor here. I have sometimes thought of selling every thing I have & coming to some point East with them.

But the Calls foremost, are so urgent here, that I hesitate. My experience here would seem to fit me for labor here. Tell me Brother! Tell me, what can I do? I am trying to close up my secular matters & to disentangle myself, that I may be ready for the Lord's work, wherever it is & whatever it may be.

Well, I have written a considerable to a stranger & quite freely. Ah! we are Brethren,--Brethren engaged in the Master's vineyard, & working for the same object.

Our great Captain may have some object in suggesting that letter you wrote to me & in thus calling me out.

Hoping to hear from you again, I remain,

Yours in Christian love,
Austin Warner.

Chillicothe, O., Nov. 30, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Bro.:

The ladies of my congregation are preparing a box for some missionary in the West, and will be obliged to you if you will put them in communication with one needing it most. As it is already late in the season, if you could let us know immediately, will be obliged.

Yours fraternally,
Henry W. Biggs.

Brooklyn, Nov. 30th.

Bro. Jackson:

Forgetting to ask you how you could be reached in your journeyings, I think best to direct to Mr. Sheldon's care, as you said my package for you could go there by Express. I saw Mrs. Sheldon & obtained his address. On consideration it seems best to describe contents of said package & let you judge if it will be best for you to take them home. They could be made exceedingly useful here, but you may not meet the class to which they would be valuable. They are literally second hand, but will, if fitted over, save some money, which with many is scarce. I can sew it up in tow cloth. It makes a large bundle, & you must, if you think best to take it, carefully avoid opening it in the presence of any one (if you wish to repack).

Now if you will write me at once what to do I shall be glad. I should pay the Express to N. York & should it cost you anything extra to get it to Minnesota will remit the cost to you when you let me know what it is.

I am very anxious to know how you can work independently of the Board, planting churches of course would be out of the question. Would it be more than your individual preaching? This puzzles me much. I cannot think you could operate to advantage disconnected. Do write something of your plans when you direct in reference to the package.

Eliza regretted not seeing you when you called. Perhaps you may be able to come again or I would meet you (to save time) at Mrs. Trasks, if you could say when you would be there. We are out so much I should fear missing you. Could you say when you might be here, we could be at home. We lunch at

one o'clock & dine at six. Come at either hour if you can, or take the other plan.

Do you know any Congregational clergyman, who needs a box of clothing. Dr. Tudington's ladies would send to such an one.

With kind regards, we ever,
S. W. G. Merrill.

Newark, Dec. 4th, 1858.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

During the late meeting of the Synod in Newark, your remarks concerning the needs of our "Home Missionaries" interested some few friends in their behalf and they have contributed towards a band of clothing which leaves Newark this afternoon for your town. We leave the entire disposal of the contents to your judgment, viz:--

Three pairs pants.
Two over-coats.
Coat.
3 Vests. -- Under shirt.
4 Ladies Cloaks.
2 pairs hose.
Gentlemans shawl.
3 pairs gloves -- 1 pr. mittens.
3 shawls.
4 dresses & skirt.
Child's quilt. Bonnet.
6 yds. Flannel.
12 yds. Canton Flannel.
19 yds. Unbleached mus.
3 papers needles.
6 spools cotton.
Paper & Envelopes.
1 pair Cork soles.
Books &c. for Children.
Three Balmoral Skirts.
Knitting Cotton.
Collars & Cuffs.

We are indebted to Mrs. Horace Alling for your address. -
We shall be happy to hear from you soon and hope the garments

will give comfort to some few, during the inclement season,
so near at hand. Will you please address in reply,

Miss E. U. Campfield.

Care Rev. R. P. Campfield.
Newark.

New Jersey.

Very sincerely, your friend,
E. U. Campfield.

Enclosed \$8. for freight. Sent to A. L. Thomson.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

If you will be in the city, on Monday next, 11 of
December, our ladies will be pleased to meet you at our Sab-
bath School room in the rear of our Church, corner 5th Avenue
and 19th Street (Dr. Hall's) when an opportunity will be af-
forded to make such statements regarding the mission field,
work and the wants of Missionary families repeating them as
you may deem proper. I will be at home between the hours of
nine and half past ten on Saturday morning when I should be
at leisure to converse with you on the subject or you may ad-
dress a note to me, which must reach me on that day, that a
notice may be sent to our pulpit on the next Sabbath, if such
meeting is to take place.

Sincerely your friend,
Caroline L. Walker.

117 East 21st Street.

Albert Lea Mission.
Decr. 6th, 1858.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Doctor Paxton writes me that he thinks it will be
so you can come and preach to our people and labor to forward
our new Church enterprise, &c. We shall be pleased to have
you come. I think the people should be stirred to action and
there seems to be a fine field for labor.

It is the first Church started, and has the favor of
every one at present, but there is no one who, is calculated
to arouse the people in Church matters, there being no min-

ister. I have labored to forward the building, and flatter myself that success has so far attended my efforts. Although not a professor, technically speaking, I am yet much interested in having the Church proper flourish in all things, as well as the building.

The edifice is not ready for use this winter, but is finished outside, painter's coats, back plastered, &c.

Please write me soon upon the subject. I write at the request of those most interested, including the Elders.

Very respectfully,

A. Armstrong.

Lansing, Allamakee Co., Iowa.
Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We have received the box from Elizabeth. Many thanks to your kind intervention, but why the transfer from Mrs. Newkirk? Was anything in our letter to her unsatisfactory, so that she dismissed the matter to others? She wrote to us a warm letter, requesting specific mention of names, ages, sizes, measurements, needs, &c. Also the needs of Sunday School. This we did as well as we could. We cannot understand why we were transferred afterwards to others.

The box gave good satisfaction of course, yet we did not receive somethings much needed. A best suit for myself was expected. The business suit (sack coat &c.) is of color, quality & make well adapted to daily wear or travel; yet I shall need a fine suit for the pulpit. This, with under-clothing for winter, and the Sunday School department were omissions; but we do not criticise nor take exception for the gift from free hearts is above such ungenerous treatment.

I have reluctantly given up my proposed visit East next year. My salary proves too small as the year closes, and I face a deficiency to be added to a heavy debt hanging over me. The Board give me \$50 less this year, and I suffer a loss of over \$50 in my new subscription (rather than enjoying a gain) from Mr. Purdy repudiation and removal. I failed to secure the place of commission as Bro. Dickey urged stronger claims, and Bro. Crawford also had precedence. We do so much regret not going, as now five years nearly have elapsed since our last visit, but must bow to imperative circumstances.

Necessary repairs on church & lot this year cost us over

\$100, for which I am personally responsible. I do wish that I could get at least \$100 from some kind friend. The church now owes me \$140, money advanced, and we have in the spring a job of needed work that will cost \$50.00 more, bell not counted in.

You have been doing a noble work for the cause through the East. God speed you in all your labors. We hope to see you at Lansing ere long.

Chloe sends regards.

Yours truly,
James Frothingham.

St. Paul, Dec. 8th, 1868.

Brother Jackson:

I send you here a list of articles for McGowan & wife which I hope you will secure somewhere, only don't ask for them from Mrs. Newkirk, or the 2nd Ch. of Vermont, Ijans.

The latter are going to send him a small box of groceries &c. for the table & McGowan would not like to have anything come from the Central Church this year. I had hoped that some thing would come to him from the Central Ch. in the shape of money, but a letter from Mrs. Newkirk advises me to the contrary.

I tell you brother Jackson, I cannot continue to encourage these brethren on the frontier to hold on. There is no prospect of betterment, and I cannot hold out to them false hopes. Savage is yet alive, or was a week ago. I have loaned him \$30. to keep him up, which tho I cannot do without, I cannot ask him to return. I must say to him & others, "Come back if you think best". We have done what we could, and I wash my hands of the responsibility. Dr. Musgrave is determined to crush us out, & I think he will do it. He knows we will not remain here unless we can go forward.

We are as well as usual. With best regards to Mrs. J. in which wife joins,

Truly yours,
D. C. Lyon.

P. S. The Scotch are on the rampage.
Mrs. Lyon.

Brother Jackson:

You should be at the Meeting of the Board next Monday. By all means go. They will want to question you some.

Wilton, Iowa.
Dec. 9th, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

You will please pardon me for not answering your kind letter sooner. As to my absolute needs, you have touched upon a delicate question, but to answer promptly, it is not proper that I should accept the proposed benefit. My family is composed of my wife and myself alone. We could make use of many things contained in a missionary box, but we must not accept when there are hosts of others who need these things far worse than we do probably. We are trying it alone this year, for the first cutting from the board altogether. We find it just as much as the people will do, to say the least, to pay my salary of \$800.00. There is a good feeling abroad in my charge. I hope the spirit will be poured upon us bountifully and there are some indications of His special presence.

Accept my sincere thanks for your kindness.

Truly yours,
A. R. Mathes.

Albany, N. Y.
Dec. 10th, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

I suppose the Bd. Dom. Missions set aside the District Superintendents and Bro. Lyon thus goes out of commission, if we, i.e., State Street Pres. Ch., would pledge three hundred dollars (\$300) to his support, could you raise the balance \$700, somewhere else? If you can, we make the pledge on the sole condition that Bro. Lyon from time to time furnish our Sunday School some interesting intelligence from his field.

I will drop a letter to the Secretary of the Exec. Com. of the Bd. regretting my absence, and stating my views on the subject to be considered. I do not know that my note will be read, but if they (my views) are of any use to you they are briefly these. 1. The great importance of the District Superintendent or Synodical Itinerant to the successful prosecution of our Missionary work.

2. The nomination or recommendation of the Superintendent by

the Synod in whose bounds he labors.

Please let me hear from you with ref. to my proposition about Bro. Lyon. Praying that our Lord may direct the Ed. and order your path, I am,

Fraternally yours in Jesus,
Geo. C. Heckman.

Waseca, Minn.,
Dec. 11th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of Dec. 1st is recd. Not hearing from you for some time, I inferred from your silence that you would not be present at our Dedication, and I have now made arrangements to have Bro. Wilson, of Owatonna, preach the sermon for me on next Sab. week. I would defer it until you could be present, but the builders must have some money at least, and we can make an effort in that direction on day of dedication.

I have heard from the Board of Ch. Ex. to the effect that \$500 appropriation has been made payable 1st Feb. But we lack something over \$200.00 in paying the amt. which becomes due now at the completion of the Church. We lack altogether \$425.00. If you can get me \$200 of this either from the Board or other sources, we will make a desperate effort to raise the balance here. I do hope you can get this amt. May God bless your efforts in awakening our Church to a sense of their duty to support our Board. It has been very cold here this week. Mercury yesterday morning 20° below 0., but it is moderating somewhat to-day. I have been expecting the box from Phila. for sometime and this cold weather has increased my anxiety somewhat. It has come to my knowledge lately that the ladies here are expecting to furnish my study, but I can not say as to the truth of the matter. You need not make any special effort to procure me bedding, but if it is sent I presume I can use it. I am willing to do without a great many comforts or even conveniences, if I can see our Church all paid for.

I bought an instrument for it for \$88., and we gave a concert in the Church to pay for it at which we raised \$72.60, the remainder has been made up by subscriptions. Let me hear from you soon as to the certainty of getting \$200 more either from the Board or from any other source, and when it can be had.

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The Builders are needing their money, & I wish to give them some definite & reliable answer.

Your Bro. in Christ,
J. T. Patterson.

Prescott, Wis., Dec. 13th, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your very kind letter of Nov. 30th reached me at Farmington last week. A thousand thanks for your kindness in regard to clothing &c. It seems as tho my income ought to support & clothe my family, yet I find so many places for every dollar that a box of clothing is a great relief & enables me to invest a little in a dozen miscellaneous things so necessary in our missionary churches. The last number of our N. & W. Record, first article, speaks of my field. We expect to move there next week. I hope the Lord has a work there for me to do.

I was very sorry to hear of your illness after Synod. I hope you are now restored. But you must restrain yourself a little my dear Bro., or you will wreck your physical frame. No danger of your rusting out, but do not wear yourself out pre-maturely. It is a duty to husband our strength & make the most of our capacities for this world as a sphere of action. It is a great privilege to work here for Christ & heaven & so we should economize our strength.

We are all in health. Mrs. T. had a delightful trip to Synod & home again. All send kindest remembrance to yourself, Mrs. J. & all friends.

I have just written to Rev. E. B. Allen as you suggested.

Fraternally,
Charles Thayer.

Hudson, Wis., Dec. 13th, 1867.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

I have your letter of Dec. 7th before me. I feel very thankful to you for your interest in my temporal affairs, and feel that passage of the apostle coming to mind, "Bear ye one anothers burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ".

If they are at work upon my box, it will soon be sent

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off; they I suppose will send me an overcoat, and I would rather not have two on hand, for I am not in as good a position to give it to any one that needs as you. But I suppose you will know what is best to do. Only this I can wear my old thread bear one, though it is past descency, for a few weeks until the box arrives. When I wrote you, I supposed it would be quite a while before any would come from the East, so I wrote you the coat especially. But as you have some experience in the matter I will leave you to judge. If you send it American Express will answer me.

Yours in Christ,
Jas. Stuart Reed.

Mauch Chunk, Pa.
Dec. 14, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Bro.:

Some very little girls in one of my Sabbath Schools, hearing my statements in reference to Missions in Minnesota, quoted from your own, have recently had a Child's Fair by which they have realized about \$35. which they wish to appropriate to some needy Missionary, through you. I write therefore at their request to ask you to give me the name of some missionary to whom it may be sent, who will acknowledge it in a brief letter to them, & thus encourage them in doing good.

As you are laboring in behalf of the Board and may be affected by their published "Caution" allow me to say that this special gift does not in the least effect the contributions to the Board except that it will tend to increase the next years contribution.

We have already for this year doubled our last years amount independently of the children's work.

Very respectfully & truly
yours in Christ,
J. Bellville.

Monday Morning, Dec. 14th.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir: Our ladies will be pleased to meet you on next

Monday morning, at 12 o'clock, at our Sabbath School room, rear of the Church 19th St. and 5th Avenue. You will please notify me of the receipt of this note and reply, that I may send a notice to the pulpit on the next Sabbath.

Yours sincerely,
C. L. Walker.

117 E. 21st St.

Dear Cousin:

I have intended to write you before as I have Juli's photo for you & another thing, our Church has decided on a mission box & requested me to write Sheldon to know about who to send &c. &c. You will know what is necessary better than I. If he will select some one where they do not need a very large box & plain clothing, I think it would suit best. John has decided to leave this morning. I would like to have him stay longer but feel thankful for only a short visit. I have written in great haste. Please excuse & with much love, I am as ever,

Cousin Mary.

Preston, Minn., Dec. 15th, 1866.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We received last week a letter from Rev. Mr. Carnochan of Danville, Pa., enclosing a draft for \$30.00. The receipt of this I will acknowledge. He says that you were mistaken in understanding him to say that the assistance he offered was to be in the way of a box of clothing. The draft above referred to will be all, for which we are thankful indeed. But do not trouble yourself farther. Others in the work will no doubt need all the clothing that can be furnished.

Another matter. The village of Lanesboro 8 miles east of this is growing rapidly & will be a place of consequence more or less. The cars are there now. Mr. Stead has entered into a partnership arrangement with Mr. Kielne (N. J.) to preach there. All right if reunion takes place but will that take place & when? I don't like this arrangement, urged Mr. Stead against it. Of one thing I am satisfied & that is that they will not be bound by it but will organize at the earliest moment. The manager of the place, a fine man, will have his family there, - is said to be a Presbyterian.

We have bought a small farm 4 miles from L. & will live on it probably. It is 6 miles from Preston. That will be our place for church privileges if I do not able to preach. I am deeply interested in the place & desirous beyond expression that there should be an O. S. Ch. there. I hope Reunion will take place now as the basis of the Standards, but it may not.

Could not Cunningham go up there some, every two weeks perhaps. Mr. Stead is now east. He will not go ahead as he should not on account of his arrangement with Kielhe.

My family are well, send kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Very truly & fraternally,
A. S. Kemper.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I will say what Mr. Kemper will not feel like saying. We were very much disappointed in not getting a box of clothing. Some things we are needing very much. Mr. K. needs a common overcoat badly and the children need some things also. But perhaps we are not as much in need as some others.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Kemper.

(Referred to Rev. Sheldon Jackson, for action.)

South Bend, Dec. 2nd, 1888.

Rev. D. C. Lyons,

Very dear Brother:

What purports to be my commission from the Board has arrived yesterday. The application is cut down to \$350.00-\$150.00 less than asked, and \$50.00 less than last year. It is of no use -- I cannot live on it. We found it hard enough to get along, to get simply food enough to eat of the plainest sort, (you know--you have been at my table. Of course we tried to place the best before you) and we failed without getting into debt for it, though last year two of our daughters earned over a \$100.00 by teaching, which we used, all, to live. This year they will be able to earn nothing, for Lizzie has just set out for Mrs. Galloway Seminary. By solicitations and promises, I was induced to leave Kansas, where I had two Congregations, which had trebled in membership during my ministry

there, and where we were accumulating a little property, (the proceeds of my sons' earnings,) (5 of the best cows and 1 yearling & 4 or 5 calves), which in a few years would have afforded us an independent competency, - to come here to do a peculiar work - (a work which as you are aware few men can do, because requiring preaching in 2 languages and in a peculiar style) for the Board. I obeyed, trusting in the Board, that we should not be left to starve. I sold out all I had and spent it all (full \$400.00) - in removing my family hither. After coming, I found my income utterly inadequate to furnish shelter & food for my family. Corbin made me a liberal offer. I, knowing that the Board can't be relied on, and being sorry to say it, but feeling compelled to accept, did so immediately. The Presbytery re-arranged, promising if I stayed, I and my family would be fed -- that was all I asked. And as I had given to understand by the Board, that after all these sacrifices on my part to serve the Board, I must work and starve. Even what little the Church has added to our slender income, the Board has cut off. And all this without a word of asking my consent or giving me a choice in the case. I tell you it is outrageous. Are we poor missionaries not only but helots, bound to do whatever the Board bids; not paupers at the same time, to be obliged to accept just what the Board sees fit to dole out to us, and live or starve on it as it pleases? And there to be no stipulations on our side? Has the Board no obligations, or has it a right to disregard not only our feelings of self-respect and self-worth, but all contracts and promises and consult only their own will in the case? I had come to this field of my own accord, merely because I needed a place and couldn't get it elsewhere, and after finding the field had asked the Board for aid, the case would have been different. But you know how I came, and how I was induced to stay. If the Board in its present exigency, (lacking confidence in God and His church,) had delayed my commission or explaining the case, had cut down the amount asked, to \$450.00 or even \$400.00 (what it was last year) I would have tried to bear with it. But to send me such a commission, to ask so arbitrary a part, without a word of explanation -- it wounds my moral feelings. It is conduct which would not be deemed honorable in a secular employer towards his employees. It is outrageously humiliating. The Board has no right to treat us like helots or paupers. I have written to them to that effect &c. You have seen my house, have been at my table. Is the house I live in too good for a missionary, or is my table too rich and expensive? Such as you have seen I am content

with, provided I can have them without debt, but I cannot on my present income without getting in debt, and this I cannot afford, for I will have no means to get out of it. These facts, if you see fit, you can state to the Board etc.

I have been casting about what to do. I have to leave here now. There is an interest at present in the Church at the Pond, and growing meetings of the Sabbath School, crowded, deep and solemn attention, tears, listening to the word of "hearers of the word only", prayer meetings longer & longer than they have been since I came here, and fervent and long prayers offered. There is a prospect of quite an accession to our membership next communion. Mrs. McGiver and her daughter among the number. Then the hall is to be opened at Mankato on next Sabbath week, and I know there will be no lack of a congregation there, but positively I cannot stay and suffer for the want of the common necessaries of life, and suffer I must on this allowance. Cambria, I see, is still anxious to have me, at any time. I will write them that I will go there at the end of this quarter, or if the weather wont permit the removal of my family then, that I will go in the spring, and for my labor here in the interior will accept what the Board will see fit to give. That will give you and the people here (and the Board) time to find a suitable man for this field who will consent to be used by the Board just as the Board please, which will be quite a task however, even if the Board should undertake it. I will however, defer writing to Cambria until your reply comes. For I beg you to send one as I am in trouble--utterly undeserv'd. The Board has no right to insult us thus.

Our cordial Christian regards to Mrs. Leons and the rest of your family. The Lord keep and bless you all, and abundantly prosper your labors,

Affectionately &c.,

J. M. Payne.

Lizzie sets out to-night for Mankato to start on her journey in the morning to the Seminary at Dayton & an oversight if we leave here, for we will have to recall her. But then we will, I trust, have the means.

I have never felt so badly, I believe, in all my life. This utter disregard of our right--feelings--this recklessness of all obligations towards us poor missionaries,--this arbitrary assuming uncontrolled power over us, this unfair taking of advantage, the plain, "we don't care if you starve" import of the action

has wounded and mortified me beyond expression. I love the missionary work, there is something apostolic in it, and God has in a measure set the seal of His blessing on my poor labors, but Oh, I do long now to be away from under this Board. I see, let a poor missionary, do what he will somehow you will be the same. I think however, the work of a Missionary in the field is far more honorable than any office connected with the Board whatever be the salary, and they never dream of cutting down the salaries of such.

Cambridge, Ill.,
Dec. 16th, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

Your kind note, promising the needed aid, has been received. I have thought, however, that it might be necessary to give an item of information about the point to which you should send the box. Cambridge is not yet a railroad station, tho it expects to be in another year. Our R. R. point is Geneseo, on Chicago & Rock Island Road. My post office is Cambridge, which put on the box so that I can be notified of its arrival at Geneseo. You have our thanks beforehand for your kind interest.

Your brother in Christ,
A. I. Adams.

Bridgeton, Dec. 16th, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

On entering my home this morning, I found the ladies in consultation over the Miss. box. It seems that yesterday at dinner table when it was mentioned that the box was for Rev. D. L. Hughes, Tipton, Iowa, the Rev. Mr. Burt, formerly of Des Moines laid down his knife and fork in utter amazement, and informed those at table that the Hughes were very comfortable and even more than that. That they lived exceedingly well, dressed only in the mode, had recently received a purse of \$700 from their people, etc. That Mrs. Hughes wrote poetry and ruined her eyes by doing fancy, fine embroidery, that nothing that had been worn would be acceptable to them; (there was an overcoat outgrown by a strapping young man but a first

rate coat).

The end so far as the box is concerned was that they unpacked it -- it was a moderate estimate worth \$350. contributed by the poor as well as the rich -- picked out \$150 worth and sent them to the Hughes and the rest will be given to some our own men perhaps in N. J. The injury done by this application for aid is of the most serious character. Our people worked so cheerfully and denied themselves to give, and now they will need special grace another time to give at all, for they will not believe in an application which does not come certified to them.

I mention the result to you as I had spoken of the probable effect last evening. Hoping that this may be the only call, I am yours

Very truly,
J. R. Gregory.

Titusville, Dec. 15, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

I am known to you through Alfred Stead and my conversation from time to time with him has lead him to think the West my field. I have thought so too and almost concluded to go prospecting this winter, but the indications of Providence seem to say, "Stay at present where you are". This is indicated by a spirit of seriousness & earnest inquiry among my people with reference to their individual Salvation. For the present then, I feel it duty to stay & work where I am.

May the blessing of Christ attend you. May it attend all the laborers in the field & I pray that the Spirit of our New School brethren may animate us.

With great respect,

Yours truly,
Wm. A. Jenks.
Titusville.
N. Jersey.

Schenectady, Dec. 17th, 1868.

Mr. Jackson,

Sir:

Enclosed you will find ten dollars, the contribution of two classes, one of girls and the other boys, of Dr. Packus' Sabbath School. The children have heard of your labors in the West, and wished the money to be sent to you, to be used for helping supply some destitute Sabbath School with books.

Would it be too much to ask you to write to them, telling them where it was applied. This is their first offering for such an object, and I would like them to do more, and I thought it might be encouraging, as well as gratifying to them to receive a letter from you.

The offering is small, but we humbly trust by the blessing of God, may be the means of doing much good. If you write direct your letter to

Miss Henrietta Borland.
Box 12. Schenectady.

H. Borland.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 18, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

The ladies of the 4th Church are preparing a box for some needy missionary. They will thank you to give them the name of some one to whom to send it, with a description of his family, that they may adapt the contents to their necessities. It is now so late in the season that not much can be done without too long delay, but they will do what they can, and next year will begin in time to do a great deal better.

I hope that this note will reach you soon and will receive an immediate notice. I send a duplicate to the care of the Dom. Mission board, to make the matter more sure.

Give the necessary directions as to how the box must be sent.

Yours very truly,
R. H. Richardson.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 14, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

Can you give to the ladies of the 4th Church the name of some missionary of your acquaintance to whom they can send a box of clothing &c.; with a description of his family. It is now so late in the season that we cannot get together as many articles as ought to be sent, but it is better to do a little than nothing. Give the necessary directions for forwarding the box. Mrs. Phillips has written you a letter with the same design as this, but no answer having been received, we fear that you did not get it. I send the duplicate of this to your address at Minaville and hope that one or the other will reach you very soon and that you will reply at once.

Yours very truly,

R. H. Richardson.

Fulton, Dec. 20, 1864.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We have raised for you about \$50. I hope we shall make it \$60, your interest money. But having just sent off \$200 to Domestic Missions, & also since you were here taken a collection for Freedman, & having sent a box worth \$100 to North Carolina, & last Tuesday another to that Iowa brother valued at \$120, & purposing to send still another to the one your last letter mentioned, it comes a little difficult to raise this full amount. Besides, shortly comes a Foreign Mission's collection.

Now when shall I send this sum to you? You will have left N. Y. before it can meet you. If I am not called off, I will meet you at Synod next Wednesday on your way back, & will probably hand it to you there & then. I am to be away from home until Wednesday myself.

Please drop me a line as soon as you receive this. Can you not call on me from Lysander.

Cordially yours,

A. K. Strong.

I will send to Rochester a box of papers &c.

Christiana, Lancaster Co. Pa.
Decem. 21st, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:
500 Broadway,
New York.

Dr. Sir:

Your esteemed favor of 15th, inst., has just reached me having been directed to the Gap, instead of Christiana. My Post Office, as above, and I reply at once as you request. The little sum \$10,95, made up by the little folks in our Sabbath School, was intended to be sent to you to make what disposition in your judgment might be best - and I am sure you will all gladly acquiesce in your suggestion to have it go to the assistance of some needy Sabbath School in the West, and I authorize you to give it that direction. - and I very much regret that the sum is so trifling.

I am the Superintendent of the Bellevue Sabbath School and you will please write us a letter in my case, and these dear little children will unite with us who are older, in praying our Heavenly Father, that he will richly bless you in your labor of love while here, and when done with earth, take you to his blissful home above.

With my sincerest regards,

I remain your Brother in Christ
Jacob T. Gest.
near Christiana, Lancaster Co. Pa.

Home, December 21st, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Please accept the enclosed amount, to aid the Missionary Cause in the West. With my prayers for the work, in which you are so earnestly engaged.

Yours,
Leckie.

New York, Dec. 21, 1868.

Dear Bro.

Enclosed please find check for One hundred and fifty dollars, which you will please not cash or use until - say the 3rd day of Jan. next. Please appropriate fifty dollars to your own use, and distribute the remainder among the Minns. or Iowa Missionaries, as you may deem best.

Let me again solicit your prayers and those of your brethren out West in behalf of my boy Harry, that he may have every gift and every grace needful, and be called forth as was Tomothy to the work of the Ministry". This has been my prayer for years past and I think God has already answered prayer. He is a very diligent student and on a normal average stands in school 99, 5/10. 100 being the highest mark. It is said to be the best scholarship made in the West at some time past. Harry is evidently a quiet and studious youth who honors quietly.

Let me assure you of my warmest sympathies and my prayers.

Yours aff.,

Wm. L. S.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Present.

Extract of letter from Rev. Charles J. ...
Clinton, N. Y., Dec. 3, 1881.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

I have not the charges against Aikin, but the charges were left in the hands of Buffalo City. The charges however were adultery with several women, also Sabbath breaking & Intemperance.

The charge of Adultery was given to me by the wife of the husband of one of my members, who had induced his wife. After his death the widow revealed that the facts thus revealed by her late husband. Two or three other affidavits of similar charges were obtained, all of which were laid before his Board, but they seemed to look upon it as a single case of Intemperance & did nothing. A paper however was run up, stating that these were no new rumors against Aikin, but that they had long been current in the community where he lived. This paper was signed by the members of the Church and some forty others, of the most respectable citizens & sent to the Bible Society for which Aikin was employed as Agent.

This brought the Presbytery to action. They requested me to prosecute it. They met at Ellicottville, N. Y., where the parties resided. But when the trial came on, they repeatedly to hear our most respectable witnesses, and committed

proceedings that we could not get the truth before them. Seeing they had prejudged the case we declined moving on and further to do with it, & left the papers in their hands to do as they saw proper. They then acquitted him. Soon after he sued me for slander, laying damages at \$1,000. The case was tried at the Court House in E'ville. It excited deep interest many clergymen being present. Despite the eloquence of his lawyers, the facts were gotten sufficiently before the Court to satisfy both the jury and the community. Eleven of the jury were at once for bringing in six cents damages; but through the perversity of the 12th man, rather than the six cents, they brought in \$25. damages. The trial finished with me for fear of the result. The Bible Society had lost what little influence he had.

He subsequently moved to Minn., & I have understood that he is now a lawyer. Presume, however, he may still call himself a minister, & be still preying upon the sheep.

We who have long known him in various business & church relations, know him to be one of the most energetic, bold, & energetic, possessing really no sort of religion or even a moral character.

I have written you at your request that I have no objection you are at liberty to use this letter as you deem best, for the furtherance of the purity of the Gospel.

Very truly yours in the Lord,
(signed) Charles ...

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I send you a list of the articles that were particularly specified for you & I trust, as you are a busy man, should there be any articles in the list like it is your own. The rest to be given as you see best. I was very sorry that the weather was so unfavorable to a full attendance at Church. - In haste yours,

P. A. Lathrop.

Monday, Dec. 21st.

3 pair woolen socks.	Doddridge's exposition.
Grey poplin dress.	Grey flannel wrapper.
1 pair pants.	Children's books.
Paper & envelopes.	Fur cape.
Bunyan's works.	

303 West Fayette Street,
Baltimore, Dec. 21, 1865.

Rev. S. Jackson,

My dear friend:

You don't know how very much I am obliged to you for the portfolio of engravings. They are all good and could have sent me nothing that I would have valued more. Your Sabbath with us was very pleasant to each one of us. We recur to it often & hope that sometime in the future it may be renewed & grow into a lasting friendship.

To-day is extremely cold tho' I dare say you will call it "a pleasant winter day" but we feel a little different. I wish you would have been here this coming Sabbath to see Christmas here. The streets are full, every store & shop also. Fathers & others & children, every body has a bundle or package of some kind & every body wears a smiling face. No doubt there are many weary, sad ones whom we do not see, to which Christmas day brings very little of cheer, in worldly comfort or the higher, better hopes commemorated by the day.

Accept kind remembrances from each & every one of us. May you all, Father, Mother & little ones, have a very Christmas & a happy New Year" & be greatly blessed in "your work of faith & labor of love" among those who "sit in darkness".

Your note from New York I received this morning. I ought to have acknowledged the receipt of the engravings sooner but have been somewhat occupied with Fanny, she has measles, a second attack, but is doing nicely now.

With regard,

Yours,

Delia M. Dickson.

Albany, N. Y.,
Dec. 25th, 1865.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of the 25th from Lysander has just come to hand. We will comply with your request, and assign the 4000. to Bro. Lyon to support him as far as it goes after Feb. 1st at the rate of his present salary per year. And personally it gives me great satisfaction that it goes to Bro. Lyon and West. We will look to you and him for the correspondence of the Sunday School. I pray blessing of God on you and your brethren. In haste,

Fraternally yours in Jesus,
Geo. C. Jackson.

New York, Dec. 20th.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have just returned from our Sunday School room, where a few of our ladies have been engaged in packing a box, to send to you for distribution. It contains some groceries, and also clothing. As soon as we hear again from you and receive the name of some family who need our assistance, we will send a better assorted box than that directed to your care, which we supposed would be distributed in small portions. I received your letter this morning with the measure for a suit for Mr. Wrothingham and having received a nice suit of black, although not quite like the measure we thought best to send it and let Mr. W. have it fitted where he resides. In the watch pocket of the vest, he will find a five dollar bill to pay the expense of any necessary alterations. There is also an over coat and another pair of pants, if he needs them, or if not you can give them to some other minister. There are two fine merino under shirts in the box, if you require them please accept them from the ladies. Let us hear from you as soon as possible, as the ladies wish to prepare the box immediately, that those who are now suffering may be relieved. Many thanks for your kind Christian wishes and praying God to bless you abundantly in your self-denying work for Christ, I am,

Your sincere friend,
C. L. Walker.

117 East 21st St.

The box will probably be sent tomorrow, expense charges paid.

N. Y., October 29th, 1865.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

The Brick Church Dorcas Society, are about re-organizing for the ensuing winter. Last winter at your recommendation, we sent a box of clothing to two young men belonging to the Board of Missions. We would be glad to make up another box, just as soon as possible. I have taken the liberty of again writing to you, because I think that you are acquainted with most of the Missionaries in your section of the country, & know their circumstances. Will you send me the names

of some of those you think most needy? The ladies seem to feel more interested in those who have families of small children, & if you could at the same time, send me the number of & dimensions of the family, it would save much loss of time. Excuse me for troubling you, & oblige yours truly,

P. A. Lathrop.

220 West 36th St.
Care Moses Allen.

P. S. I was requested by a teacher in our S. School to ask you if you knew of a missionary, interested in forming S. Schools, that the children of the Brick Church would be glad to help. It is desirable that the Superintendent should receive interesting letters from such a one, that could be read frequently to the children, & thus keep up an interest in the work.

I shall hope to hear from you soon.

P. A. L.

Wyoming, Wyoming Co., N. Y.

Rev. & Dear Br.:

Our ladies, stirred by your appeal at Synod, are anxious at once of preparing a box of clothing for some missionary needing help. They preferred that I should write you to name one to us with whom we may correspond as to family, age, &c., &c. I hope the circular with the facts as ordered by Synod may reach us by the first of November. The Lord bless your labors to adding to the comforts & efficiency of the dear brethren who bear the brunt of the conflict.

Yours in the Lord,

C. Ray.

Please answer as soon as possible.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The box from Sheldon, Mo. was already shipped when your letter of 25th was reced. If Mr. D. B. J. will intimate the books he prefers, and how they may be sent, I will cheerfully furnish him with a few.

Yours truly,

H. K. Corning.

Dec. 30, 1866. A second collection was taken last Sabbath in the Brick Ch.

 Waverly, Iowa. Jan. 2, 1869.

Dear Bro.:

I have neither the "Pres." or "Observer, and would be obliged to you for either, would prefer the Presbyterian.

You told me in your note some time since that you had sent my note to Dr. Crowel's Ch. Will you please tell me whether it was with distinct understanding that they would send me a box? The winter is upon us -- if I knew the box was coming I could wait a little, but if it is not, I am anxious to make other arrangements.

Allow me to express here my high appreciation of your kindness, not to my self alone, but to the missionary as such.

Yours fraternally,
 V. G. Sheely.

 Rushford, Minn.,
 Jan. 4th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

In reply to your inquiry, I would say that I can use both the Presbyterian & Observer for '69 in supplying the poor with reading matter.

Money recd. since September '68, viz:

Oct. 15th, per Bro. Lyon, "Caution money"	\$25.
" 31st, " S. D. Powell & Rev. S. T. Lowrie, from friends in the Synod of Phila. in Session at Lancaster, Pa.	\$250.
Nov. 13th, from Rev. Dr. Schench	\$ 25.
Dec. 1st, " "Uncle Charley Donaldson"	\$ 5.
" 14th, " "Subscriber" to Pres. Banner.	\$ 2.
" 25th, Christmas gift to self & wife from friends at Pittsburg.	\$ 22.
" " Christmas Tree, Rushford.	\$ 5.
" " for six months labor at Houston.	\$ 19.
	<u>Total.....</u>
	\$353.
Recd. from Ch. at Rushford so far.	\$ 50.
	<u>Grand Total....</u>
	\$403.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a correct copy of my memorandum of money recd. since September. The amount

recd. from Rushford does not really belong to the books you requested, but is thrown in to show what each of the fields have done.

We are prospering here. I feel greatly encouraged & have work enough to do. I expect hereafter to work with Bros. Stead & Keihl in preaching at Lakesboro.

I sent the list of books to Dr. Schenck as you requested & he forwarded immediately to me all on the list which were published by our Board & said he did not see any way at present to get the others for me. I feel very thankful for the assistance & the great encouragement the Dr. & his good wife have given us here. They will not soon be forgotten by the people of South Rushford. I wish you could come & see us when you get back to the state.

Mrs. C. joins me in kind regards to you & your family.
Your bro. in Christ,
R. H. Cunningham.

P. S. Both our little churches have taken collections for the Board of Dom. Missions at the rate of 10 cents per member. We intend to fill all the columns with one dollar each.

R. H. C.

Lake City, Minn., Monday Morning
Jan. 24th, 1885.

My dear Bro.:

Your kind note of the 20th just recd. I would like to see Observer very much. My dear friends in Cedarville, sent us \$150.00. Nobody else. \$250. is about all that can be done here, possibly \$300. Will let you know. I suppose that is all the Bd. can do. Recd. a package of papers & a few cents (from the New York lady I suspect) & 25 cents dropped out of that. Judge Baldwin says that the appropriation of a part of Pro. Haslet's field is just a waste of the funds. I know nothing, I don't know. Bro. Lyon or yourself, would do best into it. I may leave in the spring or I may not.

Yours in Christ,
J. A. Anvin.

Jan. 4th, 1873.
La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I recd. your note Saturday and answer immediately on return from Brownsville.

I take the Presbyterian and would like the Observer also, as you request.

I had thought to write to you on another subject and then thought I would not, but have now concluded to do so, and then I leave the matter wholly to yourself.

Bro. Smith kindly ~~had~~ ~~was~~ ~~have~~ ~~remained~~ ~~undone~~ otherwise, -- procure me a horse. The horse cost \$120.00 and is indeed a valuable gift. About \$100.00 was raised toward it. The horse was bought and on his advice I borrowed the rest, & gave my note due Oct. 1st. And the man has not come yet. I had thought that possibly I could manage to pay it myself out of my salary, but a horse was of but little use without something for him to draw, and therefore I was obliged to get a harness, wagon & cutter, besides the additional expense of horse-keeping, and I find myself in debt besides this note, and too with no prospect of getting out of my salary. I feel very uncomfortable in debt. Thro' your kindness the ladies of the Alexander Church have supplied me with garments, for which I should have been obliged to go further in debt, or else go without.

I acknowledged the gift of my horse in the Presbyterian as paid for, but it was in this way. Bro. Smith told me that you had promised to raise the balance, if necessary. I suppose you have other letters like this, and I leave it with you. Do you go to Iowa? We should dislike to lose you from Minnesota. Please remember us to your wife.

Your Bro.,

J. H. Carpenter.

P. S. Next regular meeting of Presbytery is at Hokah, in Spring. There has been a suggestion for a meeting soon at Galesville, but no call yet, will let you know.

J. H. C.

Wilton, Iowa, Jan. 2, 1885.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

Your kind note was received last Saturday. I thank you with all my heart for your kindness to me and assure you I appreciate it highly. May my heavenly Father send you and yours grace & peace.

I have had a great desire to have the N. Y. Observer and shall be under great obligation to you for it. I read the Northwestern & Presbyterian. I shall be well up to you in your favor.

We are observing the week of prayer in our Church. I had an interesting lesson last night. Will it be too much to ask you, to remember us as a church in your approach to a throne of grace. We are moving on in our weakness, but slow. "O for grace our hearts to soften" then we will see the work of the Lord prosper.

With much love,

Your Bro. in Christ,
A. R. Mathes.

Galena, Ill., Jan. 2, 1885.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

Yours of Dec. 28, directed to Waverly was forwarded to Galena & received to-day. I have left Iowa & do not know how long I will remain here. The injury I received last July is so tender & becomes so painful when exposed to the cold, that I could not endure the exposure required in my field of labor. 19 miles over a comparatively level prairie where it gets so cold at times that I could not stand, as the injury was to the face. There are really several over the upper jaw which was broken in 3 places, & is not in its proper place. I cannot bite anything that is hard, & it is painful day & night. I am without a field of labor at present & have no income of any kind now. We have not suffered for what was really necessary to sustain life, but our means are quite small; yet I hope & trust that the Lord will remember us in mercy. The Presⁿ. I gave up as I could not see how I could pay for it. The N. Y. Observer I used to read with pleasure, but of late years my income was small & dropped one after another (papers & reviews) that we might be able to get

what was indispensable. Humanly speaking, things look dark, yet the Lord is near & His presence affords joy & peace. Would be glad & thankful for the Observer (the Presⁿ. I have access to whilst here). It is possible I may try to go South before long unless something should turn up here of which I know nothing definite yet.

The Lord be with you & bless you.
Your bro. in Christ,
Jacob Schwartz.

Stellapolis, Iowa Co., Iowa.
Jan. 6th, 1844.

My dear young brother:

Your note came to hand a few days ago, for which you have my thanks. Perhaps I do not fully understand what you mean by "second hand". I suppose however, your meaning is that after reading it, you would forward the paper to me at a somewhat reduced price. I take the "Presbyter", the "Presbyterian", the "North Western Presbyterian", the "Family Measure". You see I have as much as I can possibly read. And as there are many of our missionaries who would be glad of your offer, and are more in need than I am, I would prefer giving place to them. You will accept my thanks for your very generous offer, & also for your agency with in Philadelphia in securing me a draft for \$24., and a small box of clothing from Huntingdon, Pa. Immediately after receiving your kind letter from Philadelphia, I sent a line to the Cor. Secretary, Dr. Musgrave, and about the time he received it, he received a letter from the ladies in Huntingdon Church to send them the name of some missionary who needed a little winter clothing & the Dr. sent them my name, and thanks to the ladies for their donation & to Bro. Jackson for his agency in the case. I think it highly probable that a goodly number of our Western Missionaries have been benefited by your Philadelphia visit. I sent the ladies in Huntingdon Church, my thanks and a long missionary letter, detailing the rapidity with which these great Western prairies, carpeted once a year with an almost endless variety of flowers, are filling up with emigration from all parts of the civilized world, and the absolute necessity of our missionary enterprize keeping pace with the increase of our population.

I informed my three little missionary churches on last

Sab. & the Sab. before that, I was in the 1st year of my ministry, and as a natural consequence my ministry would soon come to an end, and I wanted them all to labor with me to build up the church, so that they could sustain a minister in my place, when I left them.

If these churches were now able to sustain themselves, and could get a minister, I would prefer going into a place where there was no church, and labor there to raise new Churches.

I came to this state on a visit in 1853. In 1857 visited this place with the intention of laboring as a missionary and organizing a church; but a congregational minister under the Amer. M. Missionary Society had got possession of the field. I returned to Lexington, Ohio, and accepted a call from that Church. Labored there 10 years. A revival came, and some 10 were added to the Church, and granted a free missionary to a self-sustaining church. The Congregational minister here gathered up all the Presbyterians as converts, & organized them into a Congregational church. A part of them left and now compose the Synod of the West, where I am now preaching. The balance for the last few years have had two very poor preachers, & are now without a minister. By request I preached to them last Sabbath evening, & promised them a sermon every alternate Sabbath evening for a while. A large congregation was in attendance. The majority of those composing the Congregational church now, were baptized in the late Dr. James Cole's church in Columbus, Ohio, & were baptized by him in infancy. If I should receive a call back into the Presbyterian church, my conscience will give me no uneasiness whatever.

I attended the examination and ordination of a Congregational minister in this place. The examination was conducted by Rev. Cochran of Iowa. The minister, with the examiner and his Theology. He is a man of good sense, & is a rank Finneyite, and occasionally he speaks of the Old Schoolism, or Orthodoxy. I learn he is about publishing a system of Theology to show the world that he is not one great man.

It is truly consoling to think of the millions of thousands of God's people this week praying for our success in the Missionary work and for the conversion of our world to the

Yours in the ministry,
James Anderson.

Lime Springs, Jan. 8, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I wrote a hasty note yesterday morning in answer to your inquiry respecting N. Y. Observer &c., but omitted to say anything about box of clothing. Some time after you wrote me from New York City, I rec'd. a note from Columbus, Ohio, informing me that my name &c. had been given to the ladies of the Westminster Ch. who were preparing a box for my family, and soon after replying I had notice of the arrival of the box at the station. Though small, it was useful, and was very thankfully rec'd. and acknowledged. Last evening, a letter came informing me that the ladies of Wyoming N. Y. had sent to my address a box of clothing, apologizing for its smallness (as did the ladies of Westminster) and containing an allusion to the "shoddy" of which I wrote in mine to you at Philadelphia. This box, I have not yet received, and were it not that it is said to contain an overcoat made expressly for me, which yet will be very acceptable, I would endeavor to have the unopened box directed to some more needy brother. I fear we are, through your favor, recipients of more than should fall to us were there an equal distribution of these fruits of Christian beneficence. Shall I select from the box when rec'd. such articles as we need & put up the balance for some other brother, and will you say for whom?

My hands & mind are full. We are giving attention to the Week of Prayer, with prospect of good to ourselves & people & community.

Many thanks for all your kindness toward me. The Lord reward & bless you.

Yours in fellowship of Christian work,
A. Craig.

Presbyterian Board of Publication,
No. 821 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Jan. 9th, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Bro.:

Mrs. Schenck has requested me to answer yours of Dec. 24th, which would have been answered sooned but for her absence from home for nearly two weeks.

Let me say in the first place that I have reason to believe that the Board of Dom. Missions has received such liberal contributions as enable it now to begin to commission new men, and I feel tolerably certain that if an application were promptly made on behalf of Bro. Cunningham, he would receive a commission.

Then in the second place, I would be sorry, holding the position I do, to be brought into any conflict with the Board of Dom. Missions, & if my wife or I should undertake to supplement Bro. C.'s salary, I apprehend it might be regarded as an act unfriendly to the announced policy & wishes of that Board.

But, in the third place, Mrs. S. could not undertake to do more than send \$100. at any rate & as she has given for the present what she had to give in Minn. she would rather give next in some other state, perhaps Iowa. She finds her sister, Mrs. De Witt, already interested in other places of benevolence for the present. Should you, however, get a commission for Bro. C. & some other aid from other sources, she feels inclined to give him the \$100 for this year, in quarterly payments. But she will wait before deciding to hear from you again.

I have sent to Bro. Boag at Eldora, Iowa, the full amount I promised him for this year, and have doubled it.

Fraternally yours,

W. E. Schenck.

New Boston, Ill.,
Jan. 11, 1869.

Dear Br. Jackson:

Your letter is received, and I return many thanks to you for the information contained. I wrote to Mrs. Walker, of N. Y. City, & stated our most special wants, & our number, size &c. Our wants are considerable, but most specially under clothing for both myself & lady &c. I stated to Mrs. Walker I was requested by you to address her & make our wants known.

Your calling my attention to this subject is indeed very opportune & I pray the Lord bless you in aiding in His cause. He will bless the cheerful giver, & the giver greatly encourages the laborer.

New Boston, Ill.

Yours in the services of the Lord,
Samuel G. Hair.

49 West 11th St., New York,
Jan. 12, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

I inclose the 35 dollars which were handed to me after your sermon in my church as a contribution to destitute Missionaries. I think it best that you shall direct its application.

I hope that by this time you are at work. Let me hear what the position is. Give my regards to Mr. & Mrs. Armstrong and all the people. As soon as I can get down town I will send the tracts.

Yours truly,

Wm. M. Paxton.

P. S. Did we agree that I had best ask the Board to appropriate 600 dollars this year to Albert Lea. We take our collection next Sabbath week.

Jan. 12th, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Dear Bro.:

Your letter with offer of a copy of the N. Y. Observer for 1869 second hand, came on hand yesterday, being sent to me from Dubuque. I would most heartily accept of it, as I have no English paper at all.

As you will see from the address below, I have changed my place of residence, having taken the pastoral charge of two small German Churches at and near Fosterburgh, Ills. This is an important field and requires a great deal of zeal and perseverance. I preach to both congregations every Sabbath, though they being 8 miles apart. Besides I hold meetings five times during the week on various places and there still remains work to be done.

I have been informed two days ago, that a box of some kind arrived sometime since at the next express office, 5 miles from here bearing my name. I suppose it to contain clothing, sent from the young Ladies Benevolent Society of the 1st Presbyterian Church at Ashland, O., as I received a letter from the Secretary of this Society, stating that they prepared a variety of articles for us. I expect to bring the box home to-day, and would by this express my heartfelt

gratitude for your participation in this matter. I feel encouraged by such acts of Christian kindness to go on in the work of our common Master. May the Lord bless all our labors!

I remain for ever,

Your Bro. in Christ,
John H. Reints.

Address:

John H. Reints.
Fosterburgh.
Madison Co.
Ills.

Rev. S. Jackson,
My dear Bro.:

I did not get your letter for some 3 weeks after it was written. I am under obligations of lasting gratitude to you for the interest you have taken in me & my work. The Missionary Soc. of the Ch. in N. Y. to whom you applied in my behalf, sent me & my family 3 bbls. of the best winter clothing & so relieved my wants that we are well provided for. I responded & express to them our warmest thankfulness, & now I wish to express my gratitude to you.

In regard to the papers you mention, I would say that I have the Presbyterian paid for till May next. At that time it will be stopped, because I found it impossible to pay for it. I am taking 2 or 3 others & have about all I have time to read. I should very much like to have the N. Y. Observer as it looks from a different section & stand-point from the papers I have & second handed would be as good for me as any. But you need not be to any trouble to send me the reading so as to take up time which ought to be devoted to the interests of missionaries elsewhere.

Yours fraternally in the gospel,
J. D. Caldwell.

Chatham P. O., Iowa.
Jan. 13th, 1869.

Brooklyn, Jan. 14, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours from Lysander, Dec. 23d, recd. No use to regret we did not meet as it was & through Mrs. Trask & yourself I

think the position is plain to my mind.

If I can do anything for you shall be most glad to do it. You have my yearly gift of fifty, with the Trask's. Talking with her about your work she said, she was laying by garments for your field of labor. Seemed to think favorably of it. You are not forgotten in my prayers.

I enclose Mrs. Holiday's note & receipt. Enclose your acknowledgment to me, & I will forward, not now recollecting her address.

Dr. Martin has been lecturing in our Ch. on our great Continent, with his map copied from one in Washington. None other in the country.

What is God opening up to us through His Pacific R. Road! This is the nation He is blessing & will bless unto the end, but the work must be done by us poor, weak, erring, mortals. May you be led, sustained & blessed, in doing your share, no more & no less.

With love for wife & self,

Truly,

S. M. C. Merrill.

Jackson, Jan. 15th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of Dec. 28th has been delayed & was not rec'd. till to-night. I was rejoiced to hear from you again & know that the battle has not used you up. In answer to your question about the papers, I would say that some good lady sends me the Observer, I do not know where from. It is marked Mrs. H. M. Kellogg. I have taken the North Western & intend to keep it up, but still I would like to get the Philad^a. Presbyterian at least occasionally. I find that the reading matter I have does me good in getting at some of these hard cases. Our Methodist brethren don't do much in the way of scattering tracts & I have used the Methodist minister as a sort of 'sub' colporter. He will take my tracts & give them to others & I rejoice to be able to give him pure seed to sow.

I have a memorandum before me of my receipts since I came here but have not all the dates.

Beginning with your visit here they are as follows:

Aug. 29, -- Rev. S. Jackson. \$50.00

Sept. 1, -- " D. C. L. from Mrs. Foster
Gr'nsh'rg. \$10.00

	From Brethren at Synod (per Mustary's	
	<u>tricks)</u>	\$30.00
	Rev. H. A. Boardman (per D. C. L.)	\$25.00
About	J. E. Gould. Philad ^a .	\$10.00
	Dec. 1st Dr. & Mrs. Schenck.	\$25.00
	" 12 From Ladies at Owatonna per Bro.	
	Wilson.	\$ 7.00
	Jan. 12th Rev. J. Belville for S. S. Fair.	\$35.00

Beside this I rec'd. \$12.70 from Miss Condit's Inft. Class in Oswego S. S. for Sunday School purposes.

I have been pretty closely quartered this winter but my little church has grown & my people encourage me by a good attendance upon the ordinance of the gospel.

But oh how sadly we need our church! It is up hill work to get things done at all & I have had much to discourage me, but I trust it will be done by the Lord's help easily next season. I have given order for 12 or 13 loads from Mankato but by means of storms, bad roads, failure to go & returning the order when I looked for the load &c., I have two loads there yet. The framing timber is mostly all provided for.

I feel indeed very grateful for that confidential part & in addition want to tell you that there are here three \$40.00 & one \$25.00 subscriptions (\$140.00 in all) toward my support.

It will come mostly out in my living, but that will help me along never the less.

The Methodists are holding a protracted meeting here now & there seems to be considerable interest manifested. I hope & pray that there may "some droppings follow us". Our church roll now numbers -19-.

Please excuse this blotted sheet. I didn't see it till I had written three pages & had not time to take another. The Ogdensburg Ch. has sent me a suit of clothes & some under clothes, but I don't think that they think of supporting me. I want to get away soon for awhile, but wait yet to arrange some things here first.

With best wishes,

Your brother in Christ,
Ed. Savage.

Jan. 15th, 1869.

Dear Bro.:

Your letter of Dec. 28th came to hand per last mail. We would be glad to have the N. Y. Observer for '69 and shall feel much obliged to you for it.

Sometime since you wrote to us in regard to a box of clothing. Then we supposed we would soon receive one which had been started to us. But unfortunately for us, we hear it came to the office at Luana, instead of Luni, and was delivered to a Rev. D. W. Lyon instead of Rev. W. L. Lyons as directed. I do not know whether D. W. designs to give it up or not, but suppose not, as it has been several weeks since the box was traced up to him & he has not done so. The box was from Bellefonte, Penn., Rev. A. Yeoman's Ch., & promised to us last winter, but owing to heavy expense in regard to their Ch. was not got ready until last Oct. A number of letters have passed between us & them before & since it was sent. How D. W. can quiet his conscience in taking that which was not his, I do not know.

We had a statement from the ladies in part of what it contained. From which we infer that it was a valuable box, containing just such things as we needed. (At their request we had stated to them what we most needed). The ladies are not able to inform yet whether we will get the box or not.

Your brother in Christ,
W. L. Lyons.

Bushnell, Jany. 18th, 1869.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

Your letter was thankfully received and we gladly accept your kind offer of a box of clothing. I wrote accordingly to Mrs. Walker, New York City, as you directed, giving number of family, age, &c. After this year we hope to be in better circumstances. The brethren are doing all they can to build their church which they hope to have completed early in the spring. The support of a minister will, after that time, be comparatively easy and will feel like assist-
ing others rather than receiving aid.

Hoping that God may bless your labors in behalf of the

Mission Field, I remain,

Your co-laborer in the good cause,
R. T. McMahon.

La Crescent, Minnesota.
Jan. 18th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I received your note and check for \$50. last night. It relieves me very much as I think a minister may injure-himself and the Cause of Christ, among the worlds people, by not living up to his obligations. I sincerely thank you. We have been fixing up our little church here some this winter, which of course will interest you. We have got two chandeliers, some chairs, clock, map of Palestine 6x9 feet, and have about 40 dollars toward painting it inside next summer. I thought this was a forsaken town when I first saw it, but I have really enjoyed the work here, and the Lord seems to be favorable to us. Our house is usually full at all these points and our prayer meeting well attended. I preach here now every Sabbath A. M. and our people sustain a prayer meeting without me every Sabbath evening, and a good attendance.

Remember us to your wife.

Your Bro. in Christ,
J. H. Carpenter.

Minneapolis, Minn.,
Jan. 18th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your kind letter of the 15th inst. was received on Saturday evening. We are sincerely grateful to you for this unlocked for kindness.

The following articles would be useful to us:--

Bedding & bed clothes,
Towels, Carpet,
Clothing for little girl 2 1/2 yrs. old,
Under clothing for Mrs. Jackson,
Dress coat (prefer the frock pattern)
" vest suitable for spring,
Clothes for every day wear for self, suitable for

spring or summer,
 pair drawers for self.

We do not suppose you have all the articles mentioned,
 but such as you have will be very acceptable & useful to us.

Mrs. Jackson's height is 5 ft.

My own " 5 ft. 6 1/2 in.

Length of coat sleeve 21 ins.

" around waist 35 "

" across shoulders 16 in.

" of pants 3 ft. 5 in.

" of leg of pants 2 ft. 6 in.

We have had very precious meetings in our church ever
 since the beginning of the week of prayer. A number of souls
 have been hopefully converted to God & others still are
 earnestly inquiring what they must do to be saved. The in-
 terest is still so great that the meetings are to be continued
 thro' this week. Pray for us.

Mrs. Jackson joins me in kind regards to yourself & wife.

Your brother in Christ,
 G. W. Jackson.

 Farmington, Minnesota.

Jan. 18th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We have a very good & nice box of clothing &c. from 2d
 Ch. Princeton Hill. In our family we have an almost con-
 stant demand for boys clothing. Three boys from 9 to 14
 years old, wear out a great many such garments as you speak
 of would be very servicable. Some of them would probably
 fit & others could be made over.

Bro. Lyon is with us. Leaves to-morrow. We have some
 interest.

God make you a blessing to Albert Lea. Remember me to
 Col. Eatons family & Mrs. Armstrong.

Fraternally,
 Charles Thayer.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Understanding through your letter to Mrs. Walker that you can procure the "Presbyterian" for \$1.50 per year, I enclose \$3.00 to be appropriated in that way for the benefit of the Rev. W. P. Carson, Epworth, Iowa.

A Friend.

New York, Jan. 20th, 1869.

Preston, Minn., Jan. 21st, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your very kind letter of 15th inst. is at hand. You are indeed too kind & thoughtful. It will be impossible for me to go to Rochester at present. Although my health has greatly improved in some respects, I am subject now to fainting or sinking spells which come on me with little warning & are very severe. I do not go far from home & very seldom without company. These first manifested themselves during that extreme hot weather last summer. I would love to go & see you much, but dare not at present.

We will accept some clothing on the same conditions that I mentioned to you before, namely, on condition that all the other brethren who are in the work are supplied. I cannot yet consent to take one penny from the church that may be needed to carry on her great work which God so loudly calls her to do. We are in need of some clothing & if you have more than the other brethren have appropriated we will thankfully accept if you could pack it up & send to me by the stage which comes down three times a week. I append the list of a few articles most needed.

An overcoat & plain day coat for self.

Flannel underclothing for self.

For Mrs. K. a plain every day dress & muslin underclothing.

For children, underclothing. Charlie is 4 ft. 8 in. high. Agnes Grant is 3 ft. 8 in. high. Dress & aprons for Agnes; with any bed clothing & coarse towels. A spring cloak for Mrs. K.

Let me repeat again do not rob yourself or others. Plain clothing we can make use of as we expect to be on the farm near Lanesboro soon, where I hope, if I live, to have a home

to welcome you & others any time & as long a time as you wish.

Bro. Stead tells me that you expected to leave Rochester. Sorry to hear but hope you will still be among us.

Fraternally & gratefully yours,

A. S. Kemper.

I really have not the money to pay the taxes on your land. The amount is \$5.68.

40 Fifth Ave., N. Y.,

Jan. 27th, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

We have sent boxes of excellent clothing to Mr. Hair, to Mr. Rankin, & to Mr. McMahon, all of whom you wrote about.

I have sent you through Mrs. Walker \$50. cash to aid in making up the sum you asked for. I have solicited money from other friends but have not met with success.

After laying out some of the fund which was collected for the boxes, in cotton, cloth &c., there was some remaining which I have asked Mrs. Walker to add to my \$50. to send to you, which she says she will do.

If I can raise any more money for you I will do so with pleasure. With great sympathy for your work, I am,

Very truly yours,

Nettie F. McCormick.

Can you send the name of another needy missionary, as we have some clothing which we did not put in the other boxes. Please send at once if convenient.

January 28th, 1869.

Copy of resolutions unanimously adopted by the members of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester, Minn. at a meeting held Jan. 28th, 1869.

RESOLVED: That while we as a Church and congregation, accept the resignation of our Pastor, Rev. Sheldon Jackson, and unite with him in petitioning the Presbytery of Southern Minnesota for a dissolution of the pastoral relation that has

heretofore existed between us, we would take this opportunity to express our deep and grateful sense of his earnest and faithful labors among us.

RESOLVED: That the labors of Mr. Jackson have been greatly blessed during the five years of his pastorate here and many we hope have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth, and the Church has been greatly increased and strengthened.

RESOLVED: That while we regret the separation that is to take place, he and his family will have the prayers and best wishes of this church and congregation for their prosperity and success in the wide field of usefulness to which in the Providence of God, he is called.

RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Mr. Jackson, and a copy sent to the Presbytery of Southern Minnesota.

P. N. Titus,
Secretary.

James Elder,
Pres.

Chester, Pa.,
January 5th, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

Yours of the 26th ult. came duly to hand. I was a little surprised at its contents, which would have accorded more with my own personal choice 13 years ago than now. At that time I left a most pleasant home in the south with the deliberate intention of going to Minnesota. But God in His providence ordered it otherwise, & I have had a very pleasant home encouraged by the steady growth & prosperity of my church.

We have a rapidly improving City with a population of from 10 to 12 thousand. Of the Church you may form an approximate estimate from the minutes of the Assembly. My salary is \$1300 & parsonage with gifts which make up about \$11.00 a year & parsonage.

Notwithstanding all I have had to encourage me here, I have had thoughts of the West and at times have desired that God in His Providence would open up a way to that great & growing field. I cannot therefore say I will not favorably

entertain a proposition such as you refer to.

Had I no family it would not take me long to give you an affirmative answer, but I have a wife & 3 children, aged respectively 9, 5, & nearly 2 years. These of course must be taken care of, clothed, fed, and educated.

From your letter I infer the place is one of present & prospective growth, and the people are characterized by intelligence & thrift. Would the salary which the Church proposes to offer meet the expenses of living? or I might put it in this form. What is the relative difference in living here & in Rochester?

What is the size of your house of worship & character of parsonage? What is the character of the people for Ch. going & what other religious denominations are there in the place? The Minutes of the Assembly give an idea of Ch. membership. What is the character of your congregations?

But there is still another question, what would be the expenses of removal & who would meet them? All these are questions which it would be satisfactory to have answered, & which I hope you will answer.

As to my health, I am well and able & willing to work. And I am sure nothing would give me more pleasure than to sustain a field which held out encouragement to well directed labor.

In response to your letter I will say that I will carefully consider any proposition that may be made to me, and will act thereon as I may be directed by the Providence of God, and from a sense of my responsibility to Him.

I remain, my dear Bro.,

Yours in a precious Saviour,
A. W. Sproull.

Depere, Wis., Feb. 2, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

I have received a note from Bro. Smith of Fond du Lac, asking me to write you on the subject of Rev. J. L. Killen's qualifications as Preacher & Pastor. I am well acquainted with Bro. Killen and cheerfully endorse all that Bro. Smith has said to you of him. As a Christian, has the spirit of Christ; as a Pastor is prudent in counsel, and faithful in administration and rebuke, full of charity out of a pure heart,

especially a tender sympathy for the afflicted, being tempt-
ed in like manner. As a Preacher, not strong either as ser-
monizer or speaker, but withal somewhat attractive. As a
Theologian is warmly attached to O. S. Theology and govern-
ment, the more so that now he was felt the evil influences
of other systems.

I think he would be much more effective in an O. S.
Church than he has been in the hard, worldly divided church
in which he had labored for three years.

Hoping that you may be prospered in the good work, I
remain,

Yours in the bonds of Christ,
Wm. O. Campbell.

Feb. 4th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

With this find a letter of acknowledgment as you direct-
ed. The package came in this week. Also find the receipt
of the County Treasurer for your taxes.

Accept my hearty thanks for your kind efforts in our
behalf. I don't know how I will ever pay you or the Ch. for
all the kindness they show. But if I don't pay there is One
who will pay. Mrs. Kemper's regards with my own to Mrs.
Jackson.

Very truly & fraternally,
A. S. Kemper.

Hardin, Feb. 6th, 1869.

Rev. Jackson,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Dear Bro.:

I forwarded box to Rev. W. L. Lyons, Luni, some
weeks since. I wrote him to Algona, Iowa, as soon as I dis-
covered the error & awaited answer; but received none. I
then forwarded to Luni, supposing he had left Algona & gone
to Luni. He is a cousin, but we have not corresponded since
my return from the South. What is his Post O. address.

I was at West Union, Fayette Co., a few days since. I
found Bro. Dickey laboring to build up a Church there. The
field is indeed an important one & surely ought to be nurtured

The want of a little aid from the Board has lost to us some of the most important fields in Northern Iowa. Near one half of the best Presb. element I knew in this & surrounding counties when I used to preach to & fro in N. Iowa has gone into the Congregational & Cumberland Presbyterian Churches. Much of it might & ought to have been saved to the Presby. Church & in it would have accomplished more for glory of God & salvation of souls. I once knew its exact Presbyterian strength. My health & frequent absence for some years makes me now only to be a silent spectator. I took my dismissal from Lafayette Presb. since close of Rebellion to place myself in this, but as yet have not. I think seriously of returning south with my family.

Should duty call you this way, I shall be glad to have you enjoy my rural home & communicate with you in reference to the Master's work.

I have 6 girls & one son, all with us, but approaching the time some of them, that they may be the scattered element of the future Presbyterian church in part. We are not in need of a box.

Yours truly,
D. Lyons.

Your note is mislaid, I can't call initials.

Minneapolis, Minn.,
Feb. 8th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

The package of clothing & groceries was received last Tuesday. I would have acknowledged the receipt of it sooner had I been able. Took a severe cold a week ago which has made me feel badly ever since. I feel some better however, this morning. Think the cold is broken.

We certainly feel grateful to you, our dear brother, for your kind remembrance of us. Everything you sent us will prove quite useful. Mrs. Jackson says to tell you she feels quite rich. Nannie has already taken an ocean of pleasure out of the dolls & dishes. She sets her tables, pours out her tea, drinks it, & occasionally hands one to mamma & papa.

The clothing you sent me fits quite well. The overcoat was quite providential. I needed it, but I did not mention it, not wishing to seem "greedy".

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We are about buying a little home of our own. Expect to be in it, Providence permitting, about the first of April. We should be glad to have a visit from you & family during the summer. Please make our house your home when you come to Minneapolis.

The interest in our Church still continues. Bro. Savage is here assisting. Seven more persons, all heads of families, united with the Church yesterday.

With kind regards to yourself & family, I remain,

Your Bro. in Christ,

G. W. Jackson.

Mr. Corning has rec'd. Rev. Sheldon Jackson's letter of 5th inst. and will reply by & by. Meantime, enclose Mr. Phelps's check (just rec'd.) for fifty dollars, and will try to raise an equal sum & remit it.
N. Y., Feby. 11, 1869.

49 West 11th St., New York.

Feb. 11, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Your letter has just been received. I am glad to know that the missionaries in Minnesota are all supplied.

I have secured six hundred dollars to support the gospel at Albert Lea, for the year beginning, Jan. 1869. I am in correspondence with the Board as to how to appropriate it. They propose to receive it and appoint the supplies from time to time as missionaries and send the money as I direct. But this will be troublesome. I think I will keep the money in my own hands and dispense it. It was given to me specially for Albert Lea. With this view I send you my check for two hundred and fifty dollars. Perhaps I should send it to the Session, and let them pay you. But it amounts to the same thing and you can arrange it with them. You should have some definite understanding with the session as to what your compensation shall be and as to how long you propose to labor there. You had better read this letter to the session and let them understand precisely the position of things. I will be responsible for three hundred and fifty dollars more for

the year extending from Jan. 1869, to Jan. 1870. The Session can manage the matter and I will pay the money under their direction.

Yours truly,
William M. Paxton.

P. S. If the Presbytery has requested an appropriation they had better not send on the request until I determine finally whether to keep the money or give it to the Board. If I keep it they need not send their request to the Board at all.

N. Y., Feby. 13th, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson:

Enclosed please find the check for the amount of freight bill on box. I have mailed to-day the papers for Rev. W. R. Mercer as you advised me. It is truly a wonderful instance of the Grace of God. There is mercy for all who repent. My Father returns his thanks to you for your very kind inquiries for him. He is daily improving, but does not yet leave his room. With kind regards.

Yours truly,
P. A. Lathrop.

To the
Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I am so impressed with the importance of training up children in the way they should go, that I wish to give what little I can spare in that way. The five dollars I enclose I would like to help some struggling Sunday School or if you think best, your own.

If my son, Dunbar, should get a place on the Pacific rail-road, and passes near enough to you to stop, I pray you give him a "God speed". He is still out of Christ, and needs the prayers of all God's people.

With kind regards for yourself and family, I am,

Yours truly,
Mathilda R. Patts.

Lansing, Iowa, Feb. 15th, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

The "aforesaid" parcel came safely to hand last week. Many thanks to you for your kindness. The \$5.00 was in the pocket. I will write to the lady whose address you give, and send with this. For a few weeks I have been quite unwell, and not able to attend to business matters; am now getting better. I will draw up the memoranda requested and forward to you. Who preaches in Rochester now? Where will you reside when doing work in Northern Iowa?

We must have a man for Rossville, if possible. Can't you direct one to us? The German work goes on well. The Congregationalists regret their error in casting the German effort overboard.

Bro. Crawford has a difficulty in his nose that threatens to be a cancer. He has gone to Chicago to consult with some surgeon there in relation to it. I shall expect to see you down this way by the opening of navigation.

Chloe sends regards to yourself and Mrs. Jackson.

Yours fraternally,
J. Frothingham.

If a word from you would render the enclosed letter more effective, and you were inclined to make a favorable mention (by way of "reference") I am not too modest to ask you to do it. I am involved deeply by the assumption of this work, and my over payments on the Church, and should gratefully accept any such relief as hinted at in the letter. My salary is less than \$700. this year, as last, and you may know how close we have to manage, with debt, taxes, and interest on borrowed money to affect the saving of house rent.

Chester, Pa.,
Feb. 15th, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

I received a letter from you, dated Lysander, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1868, asking me whether I "would favorably entertain a proposition" from the Pres. Ch. of Rochester, your former charge. To this letter I replied Jan. 5th, 1869, in such terms as I thought judicious, in view of my entire ignorance not only of Rochester as a place but really of Minnesota as

a state.

Since then I have been very much surprised at your silence which of course I am unable to interpret.

About the time I rec'd. yours I had a letter from Portage, Wis., asking me to come there, with an offer of a salary of \$1200 and no parsonage.

This invitation I have been compelled to decline, and while I have so far withdrawn from their offer as to allow them to hear and call any one whom they find to please them, I have given them to understand that if they should renew the invitation by the first of April, and pay the expenses of a visit, I would, if the way were clear, visit them then.

Should I visit them, it would be convenient to visit Rochester at the same time, and in this way the expenses of a visit might be lessened to both churches.

But of this the Church at R. must judge. You will greatly oblige me by writing to me, at your earliest convenience.

I feel much interested in the building up of our cause in the great North West, which I trust will not be diminished even if I should never labor there.

Our good Bro. Mitchell spent Sabbath week with me, and preached once for me.

I remain, my dear Bro.,
Yours in a precious Saviour,
A. W. Sproull.

Waukesha, Wis., Feb. 17, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Since I came home (?) I have felt so tired that I have been unfit for anything, and hence have not written to you of my work at Jackson, Minnesota.

When I found myself out from under the pressure of the demands of my field upon my energies, I began to feel the effects of nine months constant strain upon my strength, and I fear if I were allowed long to remain under the kind attentions of my good mother & sister, I should become rather useless.

Altho' it is a little inconvenient to be pushed, I feel that the Lord has been gracious to me in placing me just where I have been placed, where I have been under the necessity of working.

It rather embarrasses me as I hear so much commendation of my perseverance on my field, as I feel that it is wholly unmerited; for God in His providence led me out there, kept me from seeing the trails and discouragements which I have encountered till they were right upon me. And so I have all the time been fighting present difficulties & not borrowing future troubles. So my dear Brother, I feel that my continuance on my field, in spite of many trials, is not due to my dogged perseverance (tho' I confess to some propriety in the appellation I used to receive at home "Old Stubborn"), but it is due to God's goodness in keeping me there.

Though I am still alive and expect to live some time, yet to labor on my mission field, I do not feel that I can claim to have exercised the simple faith of George Müller. I must say, however, that I do feel that I have been just as truly sustained by the Divine arm, as ever Müller or even Elijah was. And I think I can truly say that I expect, as long as I serve God in endeavoring to preach His gospel to the poor, that my daily wants will be supplied. Still, however, I feel that this faith has been so plainly forced upon me in God's providence, that I have no credit for it. In thinking over my experience I have often thought of a certain character in one of Mrs. Stow's popular stories that seems to me to be appropriate to my case. An old maid standing upon the sea shore anxiously watching a little nephew, struggling for life in the waves out of her reach, realizing her helplessness, turned to another and clasping her hand in pious fervor exclaimed "Wa'al, I don't see as we can do anything else, so lets trust the Lord".

And so it really seems to have been with me. I don't claim to be Aunt or Uncle, but simply the servant of my little church, but I have been anxiously watching its struggling with the waves of poverty & discouragements, and I have waded in myself considerably, (I have not been unconcerned), but having no Board to cling to, I have been unable to get out a great way (not being a good financial swimmer)& have been compelled to say with Mrs. Stow's heroine, "Well as I can't do anything I will trust the Lord".

And I have seen thus far that it is not in vain to trust the Lord even after unworthily trying to do the work first myself.

Sometimes my good brother Cowing has seemed to get tired of struggling, and at other times I have felt very "blue" but

the Lord has not suffered all of us to lie quiet at any one time. When one would get tired out, the others seemed to strike all the more earnestly; & so by the overruling providence of God, we have been kept afloat & I trust shall be, before long, safely moored on the solid shore of financial independence, (not independent of the Lord, but by His blessing, independent of pecuniary help from our fellow Christians).

And even while we are struggling for life, we purpose to gather as much floating material as we can & send it to Philadelphia, & New York, so as to have an interest in those good old rafts (Boards) that the Lord has established & we hope is enlarging, to keep weak churches from drowning. Though we have been left to struggle without even a chip of aid from these ecclesiastical buoys, we thank the Lord for occasionally sending us a stick of drift wood and for developing our swimming abilities so that we were able to spare a small chip to help to keep up the sinking Board.

But my dear Brother, here I am again diverging from my point.

If you will pardon this digression I will endeavor to make a simple statement of the progress the Lord has enabled us to make, "out at the jumping off place".

When I went to Jackson last June, I found very little encouragement, if no prospect of support is a discouragement.

The people had preaching in a little school-house, once in three weeks, by a Methodist minister from the Iowa Conference.

I found a few Presbyterians & after scouring the prairies for a few weeks I found 21 persons who signed a petition to Presbytery for the organization of a Presbyterian Church. Only 10 of these got out to the organization and since then some of them have moved away and others for want of any team but a yoke of oxen have been kept from getting in.

Since my ordination (Sept. 23d) we have rec'd. six additional ones on certificate and three on profession, making our present membership 19 -- and I expect soon after my return to receive several others. The people generally were so poor that they had to live in most uncomfortable circumstances and of course could not be expected to take hold very enthusiastically of a Church enterprise.

They were however very eager to hear the gospel & glad to have a minister among them. I have found such warm hearts and such cordial welcome among even the poorest families living in sad hovels & "gopher holes", that I feel that even were

it necessary to struggle along for years with the prospect of no improvement in the comforts of living, it would be hard to leave the field. And now as it is, with so much improvement as our people are making every way & the cheering prospect of growth both in the Church & in the town, I feel that I could not leave unless I saw another man take my place who would prove more acceptable and profitable to my people.

In the matter of Church building, we have endeavored to move on safely & now we have the material for putting up & enclosing & flooring & partly finishing our house, all secured & paid for & with the aid I am confident of getting we will be able soon to complete a neat little Church 24 x 40 feet.

I intend to make one of our elders who is a fine architect, furnish a design for furnishing the inside. He has partly promised to do so. We have had some indications of God's favor during the past few months. I disliked to leave at the time I did, on account of a deep seriousness with some of our people, but I trust that the Lord will watch over them. The Methodist(?) minister will preach there every Sabbath and our only elder, Bro. Cowing, conducts our Wednesday evening prayer meetings while I am gone. He reads to them from Dr. Guthrie's lecture on the Parables. I began to feel as if I could hardly stay away as long as it will take to accomplish my mission here, & I think likely I shall cut short my visit at home, so as to get back before the winter breaks up.

But now I must close as I have an engagement in town this evening. But before closing I must thank you & Mrs. Jackson in behalf of my little flock as well as for myself, for the beautiful communion service I found at Owatonna for our Church.

I assure you my dear brother, that the people will all gratefully appreciate this kind demonstration of your interest in their spiritual welfare, and I feel very grateful for I know it will make them feel more earnest in building up the Cause to feel they have such warm friends among the brethren of our Church. May the Lord reward you both, in rich blessings, both spiritually and temporally.

In my inconveniences such as having no study &c., I have yet room to improve my condition. I will have to build a "wig-wam" soon or I shall run short in my sermons. I don't worry, however, for I think if the Lord thinks I must have a house, I will get the necessary means to build in some way,

and if not I will have to wait. I guess that stone I used to sit on last summer out on the hill side, will be accessible when the snow goes off. And perhaps my old landlady's babies will get wisdom as they increase in years & won't be so vociferous as to make me seek quietude along the hillside. Time will tell. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof".

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson & hoping to hear from you soon, I am very sincerely,

Your brother in the Gospel,

Edward Savage.

Per G.

Copied by G. Feb. 26th, 1869.

Austin. Thursday,
Feb. 18, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

After much prayer and consideration, I have at length decided that it would not be best for me to go to Albert Lea, even if the people should desire me to do so. The more I think of the delicate state of my wife's health and of other domestic and social considerations, the more I am brought to feel that some one else should occupy that field. As there are others who stand ready to go there my impression is, that it is better for me to leave the field for some one of them.

On one hand, considering the unanimity of the call from Rochester and the many earnest wishes expressed by various leading members of the Church that I should accept the call, considering the importance of the place as a center of influence and the present position of advantage which the Presbyterian Church there occupies, and considering the danger which there seems to be, that if I do not enter that field, division will follow and the Church will lose ground, - from considerations such as these I have been led to feel that perhaps after all it is my duty to accept the call, notwithstanding the faith and the self denial which it will involve.

You are aware how difficult it will be to support my family on the amount mentioned in the call. I am hoping to hear soon that it has been raised to twelve hundred. But without waiting I have about decided to go forward, trusting that it will be raised or that God will provide in some way. Taking into the account your generous offer in reference to furniture, and the box of clothing, I have been thinking

that if perhaps I could receive some additional aid to pay the expenses of moving I might with great economy and much seld denial, under the blessing of God, be able to make both ends meet. At any rate I feel willing to try. I am aware that Albert Lea would be a much easier field, one perhaps involving less care, anxiety, and discouragement. But if I can be useful in Rochester, I am willing to encounter any sacrifice which may seem necessary, so far as I am able to.

If I go there it will be by faith, with the expectation, that the Church will grow and prosper both spiritually and materially, and thus be able to do more than it seems to be at present.

In consequence of this decision I have been thinking that it will be better for me to start to Green Bay to-day, without going to Albert Lea at all. By consulting a R. R. Guide, I have discovered that if I stay there one Sab. I will not arrive at home till next Wednesday. And it seems hardly best, that there should be so long a delay with nothing gained. I am sorry for the delay this causes in settling a pastor at Albert Lea. But with my present decision for me to spend the Sab. there would not facilitate matters. On the other hand by leaving for G. Bay to-day I can supply my pulpit on the Sab. and can begin to take steps with reference to removal besides being present with my family from whom I have already been separated too long. I will to-day drop a line to Mr. Ealon, saying that I will not be there and that you may be expected Saturday.

You please to write as soon as convenient as I shall want to hear from you. If nothing prevents, I will write to the session of the Church through you, soon after getting home, when I will state to them clearly by what views and on what grounds I have been led to accept the call. The circumstances have been such that I have been greatly perplexed to know what was duty. But I feel that I have gone to the right source for guidance. The last few days at Rochester I was feeling very unwell, which unfitted me to take the best view of things. Thanking you for your great kindness, I remain,

Your brother in the Lord,
J. T. Killen.

\$25. contributed by Mr. Ely, & \$25. from Mr. Ira Bliss, for which checks are herewith. Please acknowledge receipt. I remitted \$50. from Mr. Phelps on the 11th inst. Hope it was rec'd.

Yours truly,
H. K. C.

February 24, 1869.

Brooklyn, March 2, 1869.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

We felt very much interested in the account sent by you of your past labors and success and hope that your life and health may be spared in your new undertaking. Please find enclosed a certified check for \$200. We are glad to hear that your family are in good health. We are in usual health. When you visit Brooklyn we shall be happy to see you.

Yours respectfully,
John Millard.

216 Madison Ave., N. Y.,
March 4, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I received in due course your favor of 24th ult. Mr. Phelps was very much pleased to receive your letter, remarking, that the reading of it was worth the \$50 to him.

I mailed to you on the 24th ult. checks for \$50 from Messrs Ely and Bliss, elders in the Brick Church. Your visit in this section has awakened an interest in the Churches, on the subject of Home Missions, which I trust will not soon subside. I have sent to Rev. D. B. Jackson, a selection of books which I trust he will find profitable in the preparation of his sermons and missionary work. I did not send him the list he asked for but a portion of it, adding others that I had on hand. I will be glad to send a few books, tracts, and S. School literature, occasionally, where you think they will do good service. Mr. Boag from Eldora, Iowa, was quite successful in collecting money here, for building his Church. He

seems to be a man of the right spirit and made a favorable impression. Wishing you God speed in your missionaru labors,

I remain,

Yours truly,

H. K. Corning.

Dr. Murray is very well.

My dear Bro.:

I have thought over your letter of the 25 Feb. and consulted with judicious friends in reference to its contents.

I was very sorry to read that sentence viz: "And because I rec'd. funds last season from private sources to help suffering brethren, I can rec. no help from the treasury of the Board of D. M., but am entirely dependent for a support in this work upon the free-will offerings of friends interested in the work."

I gather from this that you have cut loose from the Board and intend to work for the Master on your own account. I am very sorry that you have so decided and that there has arisen any misunderstanding or coolness between yourself & the Board.

Our Church & Society desire to work through the Board. This is the only proper course for us to take. Some of us begin to appreciate the difficulties under which the Board has labored & are not disposed to increase them. The special donations of my people made through you last winter were not to be taken as evidences of disloyalty to the Board but as special calls in the, at that time, emergency of the cause. Our efforts will in future be given to the increase of the general treasury of the Board, while, as always so now & in the future our ladies will be glad to receive applications for their boxes.

The Board protects against special donations and we now see wisely. While I write thus, be assured that we have not lost confidence in you in the least degree. We think you are acting unwisely in acting independently of the Board but attribute it to your great zeal begotten of what you have seen. Excuse my frankness but be assured that we wish you every success in this endeavor of yours, if it be undertaken in the fear of God from a sense of duty, as we believe you undertake it.

Mrs. Graham informs me that she can do nothing now in

this direction. As long as we have a Board of D. M. we must work through it.

Yours fraternally & with regards,
 Alfred H. Kellogg.
 29 E. 10th St.
 New York City.

March 5, 1869.

 To First Presbyterian Ch., New York City.

Your Pastor, who is absent this morning preaching by appointment at the reopening of the 40th Street Church, desires me to read the following notices.

The Congregation will be addressed this morning by the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, of Minnesota, who by request will make a statement of the progress and trials of the Missionary work upon the frontier. Mr. Jackson was a friend of your former Pastor and has been known to me for many years as one of our most efficient ministers in Minnesota. At the request of the Board of Domestic Missions he has been attending the meetings of the eastern Synods, to give information in reference to the work. His statement before our own synod was so impressive that I invited him at his earliest convenience to preach for me, and to repeat the same statement of facts which he gave at the Synod. Many of these incidents are known to me personally and I feel anxious that they should be known and weighed by the whole Church.

Rev. Wm. M. Paxton.

As Thursday of this week in the day appointed as a day of Thanksgiving the usual public service will be held in this Church on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. On this account the Wednesday evening lecture will be omitted.

Your Pastor will be home this afternoon and will deliver the second of the series of discourses on the Person & Character of Christ as exhibited in the 1st Ch. of Hebrews. Ordination of the newly elected elders & deacons will take place next Sabbath morning.

Green Bay, March 8, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your last letter was received in due time. When I was there I heard you speak of boxing your books soon, and my object in writing is to say, that if it is entirely convenient for yourself it would be very agreeable to me in using your study, if your library should remain until you move. It may be several weeks after my coming before my books arrive. And I would as soon have them remain unopened until we move into the house. Just do your own pleasure in the matter. But I thought there would be no harm in speaking of it.

My family go to South Bend, in about two weeks, to remain with our friends until I make arrangements for them at Rochester. Our children were very much pleased with the books you sent them and wish me for them to thank you.

I do not see that it will be possible for me to be there sooner than the 1st of April. I will be there the last Sat. in March if I can. I will write to the session soon. My family are in usual health. Much love to Mrs. Jackson from my wife and self.

Your friend and brother,
J. T. Killen.

Pleasant Ridge, March 12, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours came in due time & was welcome. Were really glad to hear of your whereabouts. Your programme was a new kind. The world still moves, I reckon we Old School Presbyterians are too staid in our habits, so I often think at least. I rejoice in your success at Focinet & in regions round about. I spent last winter at Cambridge City, but it was not healthy & we were afraid to settle there & hence came here in June last. We are 5 miles east from Cincinnati. Shall soon know whether we settle permanently here. We have had a delightful religious interest, 33 additions on profession. We hope for others. May the Lord speed the work. Do you correspond with Bro. Strong. He is becoming a Write-up "Ecclesial Invitation", "A Working Church", "How to give" & a correspondent to the "Church Union". Brother Strong is rather a strong man intellectually & morally. Mrs. H.'s health has been good as usual for her, still never very good. The climate suits

her apparently as well as Minnesota & me very much better. She unites in regards. Our very kind regards to your lady teachers of our old acquaintance. By the way, who is Cook who told you of us & who his sister. Does he live here or at Cambridge City. Those statistics you requested.

"The field, in extent, is sufficient for an empire. The Synod of St. P. embraces the whole of Minn., $1/3$ of Wis., & a fraction of Michigan, making a territory of nearly 100,000 square miles, or nearly 8 times the size of Palestine, $1/3$ larger than the six New England states & about as large as the two little states of New York & Pennsylvania. So much for extent.

In position & natural advantages it will compare well with the most favorably situated of our new states. "It occupies (says a writer) the most elevated surface between the Gulf of Mexico & the Arctic Sea, forming the water-shed of three of the greatest basins of North America, being the Missouri, Mississippi, the St. Lawrence & the Hudson Bay". Its atmosphere is dry & bracing. For healthfulness, natural beauty & variety of scenery it is not surpassed, if at all equalled by any sister state, new or old. For natural agricultural resources for a region so far north rival East of the Rocky mountains. And these are still surpassed by its advantages for manufacturing. High ways to the British provinces of the North & the enchanted gold regions of the West line its surface, navigated streams & opening railroads penetrate it in every direction. Combining so many & such large advantages it becomes an inviting home to the settler. A place of resort to the pleasure seaker & the invalid in search of health & a place of interest to the passing stranger". But enough of this. You can fill up. The above is somewhat abbreviated from the original. If you cannot read it come over & I will help you.

Yours fraternally,

J. A. McKee.

P. S. Most of the statistics & data would be of no use now, such is the want of progress. See on the other leaf a meager outline. Examine & correct them & use them as your own. I fear they will do you no good. Most of them in sermon or about population. We are now out of date.

Yours fraternally,

Jas. A. McKee.

Direct letters to Pleasant Ridge, Ohio.

Austin, Minn., Mar. 13, 1867.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir & Bro.:

Your favor of the 25th Feby., advising me of the shipment of S. S. Books, reached here some time since and would have been promptly acknowledged had I not been absent at the time it came. The books have also arrived and are a valuable addition to our library. We expect on tomorrow to receive three or four new members into the Church. With many thanks for the books and for your kindness in sending them, I remain,

Respectfully your Bro.,
R. J. Rankin.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Mr. James Brown of "21 University Place, New York City", an Elder in my Church, will pay \$150. to employ one of the missionaries of which you spoke to-day for the 4/2 months.

Please confer with him.

Very truly yours,
Alfred H. Kellogg.
29 East 10th St.
New York City.

March 15, 1869.

Bridgeton, N. J.,
Sat. Morn.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

I have this moment reached home from Synod and find yours awaiting answer.

We take a collection regularly on the 1st Sab. in each month for For. Mis. We put Dom. Mis. on the 3rd Sab. to allow a breathing time.

But of course if it will facilitate your movements come for the second Sab. as you propose, and I will expect you then.

Yours in the work,
Caspar R. Gregory.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Owatonna, Minn.,
March 19, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,
My dear Bro.:

Will you do me the favor to forward this late acknowledgment of the kindness of donor, to me unknown, for several articles of clothing for my wife and children. They were just the thing, and seasonable, saving considerable outlay at a time when greatly needed; and when it is almost impossible to command the means to procure supply. I regret the delay, due to a variety of circumstances not under my control.

Yours in the Gospel,
W. S. Wilson.

286 Lex. Ave.,
Mar. 19, 1869.

My dear Bro.:

I have proposed to Mr. Paton to let the arrangement stand by which the Board pays \$250 of his Missionary salary & to transfer the \$250 which he would otherwise have paid to you for the purpose of supplying students from the Seminary as you proposed to us on Monday.

Mr. Paton consents to this. Please let me know how often the money shall be sent.

Yours truly,
J. O. Murray.

Owatonna, Minn.,
March 24, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

My dear Bro.:

You have afforded me a very timely, and appreciable relief, by the contribution just received. It met a debt for which I had vainly endeavored to borrow money. And as the debt was in connection with the Commissary department, it was a very important consideration to get it removed.

Please convey my sincerest thanks to the donor or donors.

Yours in the Gospel,
W. S. Wilson.

New York, Mch. 27, 1860.

Dear Sheldon:

I rec'd a long interesting letter from you last fall, which I read with a great deal of comfort, read it to our Superintendent of the Sabbath School, & was in hopes that he could render you some assistance by way of those Sabbath School books of which you spoke.

I also rec'd your recent letter in which you state that you are delegate to the "Gen'l Assembly" with your father. We shall be glad to see you then, you & yours, tho' it is a matter of some doubt, if the Brooklyn Churches will afford you much "material aid". You know the Old School go upon the plan to give out Charity through the Boards, Ch. Extension &c., &c. Our minister, Rev. Mr. Van Dyke, is very particular & perhaps a little "old fogie" in this respect.

However, come on & see for yourself. Shall be happy to make you acquainted with Mr. Van Dyke, you & him can talk it up.

Mr. Mathews was on this spring & made a vigorous effort for their feeble enterprise at Galesburg. He called on many of the clergy with no success here in these parts, but he said he should try Dr. Rice of Chicago & give him a strong pull.

You also noticed the action of the last Gen'l Assembly in respect to this very thing. The Western delegates at Indianapolis did not like Mr. Van Dykes speech very well. You likely saw it all in the "Presbyterian".

You are engaged in a glorious work there, fitting yourself for usefulness in the ministry. That must be a very destitute region, like most all new Countries. Many deprivations, beside your crops seem to have failed you there so often.

I saw an account of your travels on the ice, Mississippi River, in the Presbyterian &c., &c. Such accounts are interesting to us eastern denizens, many of whom know but very little of the hardships of the west, what you encounter & endure.

Make our kind regards to your good wife. Shall be happy to see your family any time. Write me often. We are very much interested in your letters, even if I do not answer promptly.

Affectionately,

H. Sheldon.

P. S. Mrs. Harriet E. Candee, a half sister of mine,

died on the 20th inst. Mr. Candee is a brother of the clergyman at Galesburg. They lived in N. Y., 114 Lexington Avenue.

You doubtless remember Fay Green, an Episcopal clergyman & a son of Dr. Greene of Albany, who married another half sister of mine, he died south a few weeks since. A very promising young man. So we go. All will die.

H. S.

Waukesha, March 30th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I wrote to you from the Post office on receipt of yours of the 25th. I have been thinking over the matter since I came home & just having sealed a letter to Bro. Lyon, I have concluded to send you a copy of my letter to Dr. Musgrave & if you can in the light of the fact that I have declined the Com. get the same from the B'd. for another field, this may make amends for my mistake as to the import of your telegram. If not count me out so much for the year, take \$250. from Mr. Paton's fund \$600. & turn me over to "the ravens" with the balance for my support.

I am sorry to have returned the commission to the detriment of the gen'l cause, but to tell you the plain truth my dear Bro., I had been aching for just such an opportunity to send back Dr. M.'s commission. I have seen the Record for March. "Spicey", do you call it. I think you had better hunt your vocabulary of adjectives over again & pick out some stronger word. Perhaps unsavory will answer if you give it a good margin for construction. Perhaps the author would like something more for his field. But I wont surmise too strongly as to the authorship of those suggestions. Here goes for Dr. Musgrave.

(Copy)

Waukesha, Wis., March 26th, 1869.

Rev. G. M. Musgrave,

My dear Sir:

The enclosed Commission was rec'd sometime ago. I have been deterred from giving it any attention before this by the sickness of my mother & sister & by the pressure of other business.

I am rejoiced to learn thro our church papers of the greatly improved condition of the Bd. of Dom. Missions & I am happy that I am able, by God's kind providence, to add a

little to your ability to help others, or to swell the surplus to be reported to the next General Assembly by declining & returning my commission for \$250. for this year.

The Master has seen fit to provide for my wants thro' another channel, for which I am very grateful.

Though my little Church is not now on the list of the B'ds. beneficiaries it is a Presbyterian Church & is interested in all the institutions of the Church & we will, as we have done, pray for God's blessing upon the B'd. & aid its operations as far as we can.

Very truly yours in the Gospel,
Edward Savage.

I hope that in as much as "the little crab" dont want their red tape to play with, Bro. Powell & Dr. W. will be willing to give the same ball to some of the other "young 'uns".

With kind regards to your family,

Yours in the Gospel,
Ed. Savage.

4th. We regret that in this disregard to the feelings and abiding convictions, and wish of the Synod and the Presbyteries as to the necessities and interests of the field with reference to appointment of D.M.- and the inspection to which our work of Church Extension has been subjected by the Board in sending an Agent to examine the Composition of our Churches, and the character of our work - We see, what seems to us an unnecessary and unwarrantable encroachment upon the oversight and jurisdiction over our Churches, in our sight of the Board, which can be exercised only by the Presbyteries, the Synod, and the General Assembly - to whom alone we are responsible. And feel that while we are so few in number, and feeble of resources, that nearly all of our churches must be dependent on the Board, it must be left to the discretion of the Presbyteries now, and where their efforts are to be directed.

Rochester April 1, 1883.

To the Synod of St. Paul in Session at Winona.

We, the undersigned, members of the Session of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Rochester, Minnesota, in reply to

the Memorial presented by Mr. Ainslie, would state:

1st. Although members of the Session of said Church, we know nothing of that Memorial till we heard of its being presented to the Presbytery of Southern Minnesota at its session at Owatona, on last

2nd. That while Mr. Ainslie was a regularly installed Pastor of said Church, yet his labors and support were so largely outside of the Church that his relations to it was considered nominal by a large portion of the Church & Congregation.

3rd. That We understood Mr. Ainslie himself to state in his closing address to the Church upon the occasion of his resignation that his relations to the Church for some time past had been merely nominal.

4th. While having full confidence in Mr. Ainslie's personal piety & Christian character (which we believe was shared by the Church & Congregation), We yet believe there was a general feeling that the interests of the Church & Congregation would be promoted by a dissolution of the Pastoral relation that existed between them.

5th. Being in a position to know something of the difficulties that have existed with this case, We have no objection in saying, that it is our conviction that Mr. Jackson has not been instrumental in creating dissatisfaction with Mr. Ainslie, but on the contrary, has always spoken of him to us, so far as We know to all others with that respect which one Christian Minister should entertain for another.

6th. Feeling as we do that the Memorial presented might and probably would convey wrong impressions, Your petitioners would ask that if the Synod direct the Presb. of South Minn. to place the paper of Mr. Ainslie on record, that they will also direct this paper shall be placed upon record in immediate connection with the former.

(C. W. Baldwin

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(Wm. Elder.

St. Paul, Minnesota,

April 3rd, 1867.

I hereby certify that understanding an attempt would be made by some members of the Pres. of S. Minn. at the session in Dec. 1867, to have the relation between Rev. G. Ainslie & the Pres. Ch. at Rochester dissolved, I went to Mr. Ainslie in private, and his statement to me of his intention to resign in January was reported by me to some members of Presbytery. And

I have good reason to believe stayed all further proceedings in the matter.

D. C. Lyon.

Whereas the Rev. Geo. Ainslie in his remarks both before the Congregation and the Presbytery, seemed to labor under the impression, & to seek to leave the same impression with others, that his colleague had brought about the causes which rendered his resignation necessary -

Therefore it becomes the duty of the Session, at this their first meeting since those events, to officially state their belief, that Mr. Jackson had nothing to do with producing those causes whatever-- that the causes which rendered a separation desirable had been growing for 2 or 3 years & would have existed with equal force if Mr. Jackson had not been connected with the Church.

Rochester, Minnesota.

April 1st, 1869.

We, the undersigned acting as Ushers in the Presbyterian Church of Rochester, Minnesota, during the years 1865 & '67, testify that during those years, many of the members of the Church & Congregation were accustomed to absent themselves from the Church upon the Sabbath Mr. Ainslie preached; some inquiring at the door & learning that he was to preach, left for other churches.

J. P. Watson.

C. W. Baldwin.

Mission House, 907 Arch St.

Philada. April 1, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson:

Rochester, Minn.

Dear Sir: In answer to your letter to me of 24th ult, I take pleasure in furnishing you the following:

The Board appropriated to Rev. R. H. Cunningham, \$100.

" " E. Savage, -----250.

" " G. Ainslie, -----300.

(150. for 6 mo.)

" " J. G. Patterson, ---300.

" " A. L. Thomson, -----300.

Messrs. Cunningham & Savage have returned their commissions. Mr. Thomson was paid to August 15, 1868, when his commission

expired. An application for his re-appointment has been before the Committee to date from December 1, 1858; and he has been written to, to inform the Board why no collection was taken up in his churches, last year for the Board- to which he has made no answer.

The custom of the Board, is, to withhold the names of persons furnishing information - and particularly when the communications are published. This will prevent my complying with the request in the latter part of your letter. If it were otherwise, I would be happy to oblige.

Very truly Yours,

Kind regards from Frank.

S. D. Powel, Treas.

Winona, April 2, 1869.

My dear Bro.:

I wrote you a note last Monday but have heard nothing from it. Will you be down here soon? or will you be at home next Monday. I may run up but may not be able to stay. Meet me at the cars. We can talk for 20 minutes between the trains, but perhaps you will be down. Please let me know by tomorrow (Saturday's) mail. If I do not hear I will not be up & at any rate something may prevent.

All well, & send love.

Yours in the Gospel,
Jos. M. McNulty.

St. Paul, Ap. 7; 1869.

My dear Sir:

I have to-day received your favor of the 5th inst., & thank you for the trouble you have taken in furnishing me the list of names. Since I last met Mr. Lyon, Mr. Mason has sent me the roll complete, so that I shall not require your kind agency in the matter any further.

Your visit was extremely welcome to my people. It yielded some fruit at the time, & will be likely to yield more hereafter.

Thanking you for your friendly inquiries about my health, which, by God's blessing, is greatly improved, I remain, very truly,

Your friend & brother,
H. A. Boardman.

Sheldon Jackson.

Evergreen Hall,
 Pennington, N. J.,
 Apr. 13th, 1869.

Mr. Jackson,

My very excellent Friend:

How can I express my gratitude sufficiently for the interest you have so long shown in my behalf?

Your kind letter was received yesterday, and I was very much surprised to also receive more, through your hand.

I feel every day, more and more undeserving of the great blessings which have been showered upon me. I trust that all this that has been expended for me, has not been thrown away, but that in the future, you will see the fruits of your kindness to me, and that I, with the help of God, may in some manner repay the debt of gratitude which I owe to "different sources".

I cannot help but feel how exceedingly weak and miserable I am, without the strengthening influences of Him "who doeth all things well".

Remember, that what you have done for me shall never be forgotten! I do not think that I am as successful in teaching, as I wish, but I will put my whole strength, to perfect myself in music, so, that as this is my first, feeble experience, my second will give more satisfaction, for I am determined that I shall thoroughly acquaint myself with everything pertaining to that branch, so that I can take my place anywhere. The school has "dwindled off" considerably. The principal teacher has gone home to Philadelphia, not to return, so that Miss Mary Hale teaches in the schoolroom herself, and very few scholars attend. No minister as yet, has been called to this Church. Last Sabbath, Dr. Sheldon (agent of B. S'y) preached in Dr. Hale's pulpit, and a collection was taken up, amounting to eighty-five dollars, (\$85) and afterwards thirty two (\$32) were added, from a single individual.

The Misses Hale send their compliments. Give my warmest love to Mrs. Jackson, and tell her that I am going to write to her immediately.

Trusting that the blessing of God will follow you wherever you go, and grant you a reward for all your faithful labors, I remain gratefully,

Yours,

Marie I. Chapin.

Lansing, Iowa,
Apl. 14th, 1869.

Bro. Jackson:

I thank you for your kind words of sympathy. It has been a sore bereavement to me. Our ministry for ten years has been as it were a joint service. Many sweet ties bound us together. He was much to me, and I valued the power of his spiritual life in its prevailing influence over me. His sickness was of brief duration, though for several weeks he had not been well. On Saturday afternoon, with a haggard look and feeble step, we went down and attended a Bible meeting of the Cedar Rapids Ministers; at midnight of Thursday he breathed his last. Alarming symptoms were developed late, so that the telegraph to me only preceded his death by a dozen hours, and I reached Cedar Rapids by the utmost expedition, forty-eight hours afterwards. Mrs. Frothingham's brother Rob't. was the only other relative with me. We buried the remains of our dear sainted brother in the beautiful cemetery adjoining the town. Margaret broke up house keeping, and has now moved to Rochester, N. Y., (care of J. C. Cochrane, Esq.). The people were warmly attached to John, and showed great kindness to him and to the family afterwards. John's last moments were full of most glorious triumph. He was sustained in all the suffering by an unseen and almighty hand. God has taken him to Himself. Let us rejoice with him, for he rejoices now in a sinless world -- a world where sorrow never comes. Oh that we also may be ready for the calling of the Master!

Our Presbytery cannot be called together now by the 20th. We shall regret not seeing you. Elder "Elder" until lately of Cedar Rapids, John's especial friend, now resides at Council Bluffs.

Chloe and family are quite well, and send regards. We are all rapidly hastening to the grave. You and I will soon be numbered among the dead. Shall we not live the more for Christ than we have done heretofore? Let us consecrate ourselves afresh to Him who hath redeemed us with the shedding of His own precious blood.

Yours truly,
James Frothingham.

Austin, Minn.,
April 15, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

Your receipt and check all right. Thank you. Will do anything for you in my power that is right. To go to Albert Lea tomorrow, would not be doing anything for you. The stage will be half the night in getting over there. The mud is somewhat. If you wanted me to go and moderate a meeting to make a call for you, I would go on foot, if necessary, and swim the sloughs. But, as it is, I don't believe I'll go. People will gather at my Church Sabbath morning, & go away scolding, if I leave. Can't notify all, especially those in the country. Possibly Bro. Abbott will stay and preach for me, for the sake of having his case passed upon. If so, I will go, mud notwithstanding.

What was the Owatonna meeting for? Mrs. Mayhew heard something about a meeting of ministers there; but not knowing anything about the object, & presuming if it were important I should have been informed, I did not go.

Yours very truly,
H. A. Mayhew.

Young Mr. Johnson (Colporteur) died recently in Florida.

Lake City, Minn., Thursday P. M.,
April 15th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I give it up. I leave this Church & start on Monday for the East, leaving my family here for a short time. I have leave of absence for a short time, some 3 or 4 weeks. I shall probably not be at Presby. in the summer. Please to ask Presby. to dissolve the relation from the Middle of May. Somebody will probably be there from this Church. I believe I have done my best here. The Lord judge between me & the Church. I would say more but forbear. I wonder if you could not preach for me here on the 25th. If you can will you not telegraph me on Saturday at my expense. The Lake will be open then no doubt. I have a supply for the 1st Sab. of May. I return the books I borrowed of you by the stage man. Have read the Hist. Presbytn. Ch. in Ireland with the deepest interest. How very sad & admonitory the death of Bro. Frothingham.

We are all pretty well, but not very. Kindest love to you & yours from all. Am sorry to have murdered one of our Churches.

Yours ever,
J. A. Annin.

1869.

It must have been one of the two for there will be no Union this spring. Those who would join a Presbyterian Church there no doubt will take Col. B. as their representative and cluster around that new church building, and if the people through Col. B. have thus decided in favor of the New School, and if Col. Brayton, knowing that he will be sustained, has made such an arrangement as he tells me of, what could I do? I could try to fight, but it would be neither wise nor Christian. I could continue to preach till Haskell or some other New School man arrives, and then modestly retire. But was it worth while to throw aside the other arrangement in order to do so.

Had I declined Kiehle's proposition finally, of course I must have left this county and Presbytery must have allowed the Scotch Church to go over to the New School. It would also have made a snarl in Preston.

I hope that a good deal can be accomplished by our plan for the next year. I am satisfied that I have acted for the best.

I have written a long letter to Smith and I shall write to Mr. Lyon. You three are the only ones before whom I deem it worth while to lay the facts. Of course, you know how the Board has treated Cunningham.

A letter from my Father speaks of the "Report of a Minnesota Missionary" in Record for March & says, "I supposed that it was written by Ainslie. Two motives appear to curry favor with the Board and to vent spite against brethren. The other letter is too bad. There is in that number of the Record not a single item of interest on the subject of Home Missions, but two covert attacks on brethren in the field. I think that Dr. M.'s course is shameful. But you know that he told us he had fought voluntaryism and now would fight individualism. I think his day has nearly gone. I think that the Synod of Philadelphia should know that Dr. M. has virtually appropriated to the Board their special contribution. I shall take pains to tell it and perhaps to write it."

No doubt we have some friends in the East. I should like to hear from you.

Yours truly,
A. J. Stead.

Rushford, Minn.,
April 16th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have been hoping to hear from you for some time. Not knowing whether I shall have the pleasure of seeing you soon, I have concluded to write again & give you the latest from Rushford, Houston & vicinity.

When I wrote to you last I may have mentioned that there was a good prospect for me to preach half the time at Lanesboro during the summer. I have since learned that the Lanesboro people have secured the services of a minister from the East, Rev. Haskell, so there is no further prospect for me in that direction. I have been thinking seriously in regard to my duty of returning to this field. In many ways I have been getting along well. In some respects the newness of the field has helped me, especially among "friends in the East."

I have my doubts about my fitness for the Houston field. I have done some tough work there during the last winter & there is very little to show for it. I still hope to get the church building enclosed before Sab. 25th inst., but it is extremely hard to get anything done. I have been down several times & have at last I think got the wall started.

I cannot at present leave home as Mrs. C. is sick, threatened with fever & I cannot leave her. The prospects for living on this field during the coming year is so poor, that I am tempted to ask your advice about joining you in that raid you intend to make on the strongholds of Satan in Northern Iowa, & concerning which we have all been "cautioned".

Do you know of any place on the Rail Road (I prefer a Rail Road point so that I shall have a chance to get away easily) where they would support a man & one wife & give them a house to live in? Now I hope you will not consider me a troublesome "brat of a missionary" for I do not desire to be such. But it is my duty to make a plain statement of the condition of the field here. Father Lyon had good reasons for promising me \$400 from the churches of Rushford & Houston &

another \$400 from the Board or some other source. Of course I cannot & do not reflect upon him for the nonfulfillment of this promise.

But the amount recd. from all sources, in salary & donations of all kinds does not exceed \$700. I have recd. from Rushford in salary \$150 & from Houston \$44. I have no reason to look for any more before the first of July. If I return to this field the people here (Rushford) will promise \$200 for next year. I cannot say what the people of Houston will do or whether they wish me to return. I am inclined to think they have no great desire for me to come back. If I return there is no place for me to live unless I build a house or buy one & I have no money to invest in that. There are several things I might do. I might look about for another field when I am East but I would rather be in the West. I might find a more suitable field in the west, where support would be better. Or if supported I could be induced to remain here & continue to work "independent of the Board & under the direction of the Synod of Philadelphia" providing the "Committee & Dr. Musgrave" agree to behave themselves & not publish any more "cautions" concerning Southern Minn.

If you can direct me in any way to a decision of this great question, you will oblige very greatly,

Your Bro. in Christ,
R. H. Cunningham.

Albany, N. Y.,
April 16th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours has just come to hand, and I reply at once. I was about writing to you as I had inferred from your silence that probably Bro. Lyon's commission had been extended to May. We however, have waited, and have in treasury \$75 to be appropriated to him. I will see that this, and more if possible, is sent to him at once.

Accept my thanks for your interesting letter to the Sunday School, it has the right ring, & I doubt not will delight the children. My little girl of eight years, born in Wisconsin, listened to it with great interest and pleasure.

Would Bro. Lyon give my people a good report of his operations on some Sabbath night, such as would stimulate their missionary zeal? If you think he would, I will give

him the opportunity.

I hope to see him to or from Gen. Assembly.

In haste,

Grat. yours in Jesus,
Geo. C. Heckman.

Jackson, May 27th, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I will go over to Fairmont on Saturday, & try to find out what the prospect is there for preaching. I dont know what the Aug. brethren have there. Mr. Strong, who has been supplying that point, has become somewhat engrossed in worldly concerns I have heard, & has been neglecting his ministerial duties. But whether Fairmont would not be for us Albert Lea "No. 2" Minus Dr. Paxtons munificence is something of a query in my mind. As to the practicability of uniting that place with Jackson I have some doubt. I find that taking into consideration all the inconveniences & inability to do away with them, that I have to contend with, Jackson & vicinity furnish enough to keep me busy. The Methodists are trying to crows me as much as they can, and I feel that our house of worship must go up as soon as possible. I will have to give all time apart from study to the work of building. I am at present not able to do much on account of not knowing what I can rely on in the way of funds. The logs for the frame timber are in the mill yard but the sawing has been delayed on account of high water.

I will go over to Fairmont however next Sabbath & try to get away again for Sabbath two weeks & see what the prospect is. If the Lord opens the door to us there, Fairmont, Waverly (or Fowler's settlement on Elen Creek) & Autrim are just about far enough apart & in good position & will make a good berth for another "brat of a missionary". Autrim is between 15 & 20 miles North-east of Fairmont & Waverly is between the two about 13 miles east of Seymour's on Elm Creek.

Let me hear from you as often as possible or convenient. I will try to be content with the latter. How is it about Mr. Paton's appropriation? From what time is his commission to date? I am getting very short & would like something if the Lord is pleased to send me some, to put my self "into a rectangular position" with the world. I have to board at the hotel & pay \$4. per week.

The Methodists have acted very meanly in regard to S.S. in town & as we did not feel like fighting over a few scholars, I told Bro. Andrews that, as the prairies were wide enough, I would not crowd him but go out & use the means at my command in the country. I started one school on Sabbath last & now ready for a library. I shall try another in another neighborhood soon.

In one of your letters you ask how a library will reach Seymour. Send by express to Winnebago City, or direct to Walnut Grove, Martin Co., Minn., via Winnebago City, (W.A. Seymour). Anything coming to me by express should be directed to me at Jackson, Care of Jackson Stage Driver, via Blue-earth City.

Last Sab. we had communion season. We used your beautiful gift for the first time. Our people are highly pleased with it, & again on their behalf I wish to tender to Mrs. Jackson & yourself our heartfelt gratitude for such a substantial & beautiful token of your Christian feeling for us. May God richly reward you! We recd. an addition of two members on profession, Mrs. Meribah Kirkpatrick & Mr. Andrew Muir. Both heads of families. Mrs. K. is in reality the head of her house, tho' not in a sense disparaging to her husband for he is an unfortunate cripple (paralytic) & spiritually in a wretched condition. I trust that they will both be enabled to lead their families to the Saviour.

Pray for me & our cause here dear Bro., & believe me ever, with kind regards to Mrs. Jackson,

Sincerely your Bro. in Christ,
Ed. Savage.

How about the loan we were talking about. If the Bd. give in \$700. how soon can you get the funds for us?

Albert Lea, Minn.,
May 27, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

Your letter written at Soux City, Iowa, received by due course of mail. When it reached me we had already given notice that a vote would be taken for the election of pastor. The election took place one week ago last Sabbath, nearly unanimous for Bro. Abbott. Bro. Mayhew filed the appointment that day. Our church progresses rather slow for

want of means. It will cost nearly or quite \$1,000 to complete it. What to do I don't know. Our taxes are enormous. Rail Road School House and other taxes are large. Wish you was here to counsel and advise. The parsonage is progressing finely. Enclosed, is being painted, masons are lathing, will soon be plastered. Mr. Fuller has just been to Owatonna. Expected to find the money, found none. Can't pay his hands, they need it, wished me to write you about the matter.

Our kind regards to you and family.

Fraternally yours,
Samuel Eaton.

Jackson, June 2nd, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I went over to Fairmont on Saturday, stayed over till yesterday (Tuesday). I had other business in connection with school matters to attend to which blinded the fact that I was on an ecclesiastical scout. I do not think that we can be justified in attempting an organization there yet, as the Congregational organization has a firm root there. The members are as far as I could learn thorough going Congregationalists, and are not favorable to Presbyterianism. As to Dr. Chubb, I am quite firmly persuaded that, tho' he did for a time belong to a Presbyterian Church (N.S.) at Lansing Mich. he would not make a good pillar in a Presbyterian Church. He, I believe, is a good man, but his ideas are far more heterodox than the strongest Methodist I know. He is in his views of God's

& holds to the Moral Influence theory of the atonement. Beside he has a very dangerous view of the divine authority of the scriptures. His partner, Mr. Howell is by far the soundest man for a pillar for a church & he is a strong Congregationalist.

I think that under the present circumstances it would be very wrong for us to try to crowd in there. I shall however go over there when ever I can consistently & preach for them, tho' they have Free-will Baptist or Methodist preaching every Sabbath. I did not see Mr. Wilson but heard that he was about to remove to Sioux City.

I have not been very well since I came back but hope to be able to keep along with my duties without interruption.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson & all the little

Jacksons & believe me ever sincerely yours in the Master's service,

Ed. Savage.

Excuse the savage color of this ink. It only signifies a scarcity of any other kind in town. My red skin relatives are very quiet & we have had no bloody disturbances here.

Albert Lea, Minn.,
June 12, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Yours of 5th is at hand. I enclose a copy of the you gave me for #1405.

The mechanics are grumbling a good deal about the money and want their pay. Please forward soon by drafts or express.

What has become of the contract you made with Fuller. No one here knows anything about it.

Please inform us.

Yours truly,
Aug. Armstrong.

June 14, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

I have this day notified the brethren that Presbytery would be adjourned till Aug. 12, 8 P. M. A later time would suit Bro. Abbott rather better, but Dr. Paxton suggests Aug. 12, & we have fixed it so. Hope it will suit you.

All as well in Austin as we could reasonably expect. We have lost Mr. & Mrs. Johnston, a great loss. They have gone to Iowa.

Mr. & Mrs. Rankin have gone to Minneapolis. No small weight lifted from us. My health continues better. Regards to Mrs. J.

Yours in Christian labor,
Horace A. Mayhew.

Mankato, June 14, 1862.

Dear Brother:

Your letter was received just in the midst of the confusion of my removal to this place and was mislaid and passed out of my mind. I have just come across it in handling my papers. Owing to the care of a sick wife with other necessary engagements in resettling here at home again I can now give the subject of your note but a passing notice. My wife is going down with paralysis and after repeated strokes is now very helpless and seems to be at the point of death. I removed first to this place in June 1854, just 15 years ago. At that time B. M. N. Adams was living where he yet resides, and had gathered a little church at Traverse de Lion. I was with him at one of his first communions soon after my arrival at Mankato. I found here when I came two families of Presbyterians who had come from Ohio to this place the year previous. A daughter of one of these families had during the winter of 53 & 54 taught a little school and with the aid of her father and others had kept up a little Sabbath School. This useful institution has been kept up without interruption ever since. There are now five or six Sabbath Schools taught in as many churches in the place. I deferred organizing a church here for a little more than a year owing to the want of a suitable man to act as Elder. In Aug. 1855 I organized a Presbyterian church in this place consisting of seventeen members including four from my own family. The church now numbers about 150 members, and they have a very neat and commodious church building and are free from debt. As other little towns sprang up in the country I visited and preached in them more or less frequently as I had opportunity. In this way I was at the organization of the Presbyterian Church at Blue Earth City. I preached at Winnebago City, Shebbyville, Vernon, Mapleton, Garden City, The Agency, and other points as I had opportunity until 1862 when the country was thrown into great commotion by the Indian outbreak. At that time my sons both went into the army and my two daughters both having married and left us alone and my wife's health failing I gave up my charge and went with my wife, for the sake of her health, to sojourn for a time with our married daughters. I have, as before stated, just returned home to Mankato again tho' not with the intention of taking charge of the church here, or elsewhere, but to take care of our home property which by renting was very much in need of looking after; and I hope still to bring forth some fruit even in old age in the

way of preaching occasionally, as I may have opportunity and try to aid in the distribution of religious papers & good books. I preached for the church in this place yesterday as the pulpit has just become vacant again by the translation of Br. Marshal to St. Louis to take charge of an important mission enterprise just entered upon in the Western part of that important city.

If you should be in our place or region give me a call in passing. I have a family living in my house with whom we are boarding, but we shall be pleased at any time to see and entertain our friends and brethren.

Your affectionate brother in the labors & hopes of the gospel,

Jas. Thomson.

Rochester, June 14th, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Rev. Wm. R. Powell, of Caledonia, Minn., has made me an offer for 20 of those seats with chairs & 8 seats for Primary Scholars. I have no idea that you will sell them at his price, but may be he can be persuaded to give more. The 1st seats, Mr. Sherwood puts down on his price list at \$7.00 published this year. The small seats \$3.50. Your list ranges \$8.00 & \$4.00 for those seats. Mr. Powell's offer is \$100.00 for 28 seats. I have plenty of time to figure with him if it will be of any use. I see that you have 2 globes quite a number of large maps & a series of charts. Do you wish to sell them & if so what will be your prices. Also tell me if you know how many seats there are in all & the different kinds. They are so scattered I may have some difficulty in getting them all unless I know. I also find those seats with chairs to be considerably marred & notched with knives & think it may be necessary to make some deduction on them. I think I will have no trouble in disposing of the furniture during the season but think an advertisement through the paper would aid us & if you wish me to do so I will insert a small card stating that the furniture is here for sale & whatever you wish to add to it. Hoping to hear from you with full instructions how to act, I am,

Very respectfully yours,
Oscar Cobb.

Jackson, Minn., June 24, 1859.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your letter informing me that you could not effect the loan for our church was recd. by Tuesday's mail. I was really sorry of course, but rejoice that you find such a work to do in your new field that it requires all you get to carry it on. I trust that the Lord will open some other way & that we may have our church up soon. I wrote to Bro. Lyon by the next mail (as he directed) at Ogdensburgh. I doubt his ability to meet the case now but hope I may be disappointed.

I have been considerably discouraged in my building operations. It seems as if my hands were tied, it is so hard to get lumber & then I have heard nothing from the B'd. yet. I do not know how I am coming out financially. But I must hasten this complaining letter as Mr. Hauber is waiting to close the Sioux City mail.

I would like to know whether the two S.S. Libraries you offered me are to be had now. If so I want them as soon as I can get them. I let the Methodists have their own way, the only way you can drive a pig.

They went to organizing schools all over & I took one neighborhood which they didn't think worth working in. The result is that our school, tho' small & tho' we have not a single church member in the neighborhood, is living & I hope will grow. It has no men for officers, but the ladies do the work & when I am not there to lead them in prayer, open their school by repeating the Lords prayer in concert. I send them papers every Sunday & I expect soon to start another school in another district where the Methodists tried a game on me & have failed. We have one or two members in that district both ladies. I can't do my duty here & attend to the Autrim Church & Elen Creek settlements I hope we may have another "little brat" to go out there. I must close now as Mr. Hunter is getting impatient.

Let me hear from you when you can, especially in reference to the S. S. Lib. If you have disposed of them had I better try Dr. Schenck. He has sent me two packages of tracts. I sent for the second a few weeks ago & on receipt of my letter he sent a p'kg. by express. Charges prepaid.

May the Lord bless you in your work & abundantly prosper you in it is ever my earnest prayer. Pray for us. With best regards to Bro. Gage, also to your family I remain ever

Your brother in Christ,

Ed. Savage.

Albert Lea, July 20, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We are here at last, came the first day of this month. The church is not yet finished, but will be, I hope and ready for dedication at the meeting of Presbytery, 12th Aug. The Manse, instead of being finished the first or middle of June, lacks considerable of completion yet. Perhaps if a larger part of the money has been retained, the work might have progressed more rapidly. Last week, after boarding two weeks, we moved in without doors or windows or painting and now we must be in shavings & dirt & oil for a month or two.

We expect the cars here in 6 or 8 weeks. Our population is already increasing & will increase more rapidly from this time forward. The prospects of the church are encouraging; especially the prospect for an immense amount of work, but if we do it, the Lord will bless us. This is a very hard, ungodly place. I believe I see more drunkenness here than I ever saw in my life before; and profanity, dancing, the circus & sabbath breaking are the order of the day. But the Lord has a people, I hope much people, here.

I learn from Dr. Paxton that he has sent you money to defray expenses of supply for this church this year. Will you please forward it to me, all of it, and soon. Let me explain. I have been supplying the church since March, at considerable expense in traveling, and have not yet received anything in return. I do not expect to receive anything from the church for three months to come. We have just moved, & that, you know, costs something. And more than all, a number of items were either overlooked in the plan of the house, or else Mr. Fuller refuses to make them, things without which the house cannot be lived in at all. For instance, a privy, a well or cistern, eave troughs & spouts, heating arrangements, a wood shed, a wardrobe for the bedroom & hooks for all the closets, the pantry, shelves for library & perhaps some other matters, as fence &c. All these I have to pay for & I have no money. What I have mentioned will cost about three hundred dollars & besides I must provide for living three months ahead. You see I make out a strong case. I shall expect to hear from you soon.

May the Lord direct & bless you in your labors.

Yours fraternally,

R. B. Abbott.

Rushford, Minn.,
July 21st, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I am back to Rushford again & ready for work. I have had a safe return for which I feel thankful. Our new house is almost ready for us. We will have a very pleasant place.

I am now ready for any assistance the 2d Ch. of Pittsburgh or any other church can do for me. I am inclined to think the suggestion you spoke of would accord with their views. You may therefore, if you have not already done so, propose my name as their Domestic Missionary.

I have not seen any of the brethren since I returned. Col. Brayton of Lanesboro is dead. This may retard the progress of Presbyterianism at that place for a while. The contract for building the new church had been given before his death, but the work is suspended for the present.

Mrs. C. joins me in kind regards to yourself & Mrs. Jackson.

Sincerely your Bro. in Christ,
R. H. Cunningham.

Owatonna, Aug. 19, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My dear Bro.:

I, in common with the brethren, all missed you from our Councils at Presbytery, and I think some disappointment was felt, that you did not remain with us. But possibly it is better. You & Bro. Gage were missed as to the bodily presence, but remembered in our prayers. You will see that I am come into your place as S. C. of the Presbytery. But taking up the mantle and fulfilling the work you did, I fear is beyond my line.

Enclosed you will find your dismissal which I forward at the earliest moment I can find time to write a word.

In the Records, I found a letter from Dr. Musgrave directed to you. Not as S. C. specially, but which as it bore upon the interests of missions I took the liberty of reading to Pres. But as the time was long past, and we presumed you had replied to anything needing reply, it was suffered to go without reply.

We appointed a meeting to be held at Rochester to receive & perhaps instate your successor, on the 29th Sept.

(the day before Synod.)

We hear from you with great pleasure, both through the press, and private correspondence, and are glad that you are able to "push things". I learn that Dr. Musgrave's friends are not without hope that his wonderful, influence in securing Reunion, and wonderful success in restoring the Board to a sound financial basis, and wonderful acquaintance with the D. M. field and interest will continue him in his present place under the new order of things. But that to our Western Reunion friends I apprehend will be rather a bitter pill. Still they may have the consolation of the adage, "No great gain, &c."

We had a very pleasant time at A.-Lea. Dr. Paxton was with us, and did us good by his words of sympathy with reference to Missions.

Tell Gage, if you see him, that I have neither forgotten him nor his letter, but will answer. We are in usual health. And all is in quiet. What do you find in Montana? We are in our house, but it is not finished yet.

Wishing you all guidance, strength and blessing from on high, for yourself & wife and little ones, in which my wife heartily joins, I am,

Yours in the Gospel,
W. S. Wilson.

Chatfield, Aug. 23, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Our Meeting at Albert Lea was a very pleasant one. We dedicated the Church in brother Abbott. Dr. Paxton preached the dedication sermon & you the charge to the people. The house being full all day, the debt was all assumed & the Dr. was given \$500 more for fencing & fixing up generally. The church is upholstered throughout, a hymnal in every pew & four beautiful chandeliers.

We approved unanimously the bases of Union. Altho' we dismissed you, it is understood that you & Brother Gage are to be at our Synod. Don't present your letter elsewhere till after that, as we want you to act with us then.

Your course in wrong when approved in saying just what you did & no more in regard to the stricture of Rev. J. D. Mason. But do you know that he is here on the ground with a commission as District Missionary for Iowa & Minn., so he claims. The brethren whom I have seen are indignant & say it is not

to be borne. I shall go on as usual till Synod meets, & wait for their expression. You had better send or report to Dr. Paxton at Albert Lea, the money or a report of it that was appropriated to defraying the expense of supplies for Albert Lea. The Dr. evidently thought they were paid & asked me to figure up the amount. Suppose you report to him. We shall be at St. Paul after the first of Sept. Wife & Fanny are just now at St. Charles.

By the way, brother Charles has one of the neatest Churches on the the Winona & St. P. Have dedicated 4 weeks ago & not in debt.

Thomson will dedicate in about 3 weeks. Wife is not very well, nor is Mrs. Crum. J. D. Mason reports that you are at St. Louis with the family. How is that?

With love to them all & prayer for God's blessing to be upon you,

Yours truly,
D. C. Lyon.

Westminster Presbyterian Church,
Minneapolis, Sept. 28, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

The Synod of St. Paul adopted the following paper on Monday after your return home.

"The Synod of St. Paul in answer to the invitations of the Board as to the necessities of the Board at the present time, beg leave to suggest most respectfully that in view of the depletion of the treasury, if the Board see the way clear to the employment in some capacity of the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, we think it would be very advantageous in as much as we have often found him to have a remarkable tact in interesting Churches in the cause of Missions, and awakening interest in behalf of destitutions in missionary regions, and in soliciting and collecting funds in their aid. In this respect we think he has few if any superiors in the Church. And we believe he would be willing to serve the cause of Christ in this, or any way to which the Providence of God may call him.

And we beg leave to suggest further that this recommendation is spontaneous and not the result of any communication with him.

And of this action he is entirely ignorant."

(signed) John L. Gage,
Temporary Clerk.
Synod St. Paul,
1869.

Westminster Church,
Minneapolis.

Clarksville, Ia., Nov. 2, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

As a Presbytery we are sorry to part with you & I think I may speak for every member when I say our best wishes go with you, & I trust our prayers will go up for you & yours for us.

I read your letter to Presbytery, but owing to the exceedingly short time for business it was not formally answered. As to your remark about Missionary boxes, you remember I thought it my duty to stand back last year, but if it can be obtained I need a new suit of clothes, overcoat & all (excepting perhaps vest & boots) to appear respectably, & do not seem able to get them. Height six feet, size round chest 38 in., waist 33 in. Mrs. G. is full medium size & children one daughter age 10, boys 7 & 4 yrs. & 15 mo. If a box can be obtained we shall be very thankful to you & the Christian donors. With high regard.

Geo. Graham.

Owatonna, Minn., Nov. 24, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,
500 Broadway, N. Y.

My dear Bro.:

Yours of the 19th recd. last night. I have been desirous of addressing you a note of warning for some days past. Two of our ministerial brethren, I am convinced, are at the bottom of the Caution, and are doing what they can to oppose you & your further employment by the Board. My wife was notified yesterday or a day or two since that you would not be continued, nor be employed as Dis. Miss. I am aware that correspondence has been pretty lively between Minnesota and Philadelphia. I am not aware as to the particular statements that have been made, but I have reason to believe that

one is a boast on your part, on the floor of Presbytery, that you had received and disbursed more than the Board within the Bounds of this Presbytery. Be assured everything will be done that can be done to oppose you.

A little note appeared in the Local Column of the Roch. Post stating your resignation of your charge to accept the Secretaryship of the Board. That has been cut out and sent up to this place, possibly for^d. to the Board. I am not unwilling to write to Dr. Musgrave if you think best, stating my convictions, and the facts, but want to hear from you first. Please let me know immediately.

The N. Y. Obs. took the points chiefly off my communication. I was glad to get as much in as they admitted but not quite satisfied with the mutilation. I have since sent an article to the Banner stating the condition of things with reference to Cunningham, and Savage. It should have been in last week's paper, but one from "Itasca" appeared instead, and I am satisfied.

If you have opportunity to ascertain let me know the cost of a small hand press "Toy Presses" I think they are called. I think I could use one with advantage, if not too expensive, for cards, tracts &c., and for my boy. Of course I want type &c., &c. But if it is not convenient let it alone. "C." whom I take to be McLaren of Detroit, is after "B." in the North Western, only "B." is Dr. Boardman of Philadelphia. Let me hear if you need any service of mine.

Yours in the Gospel,
W. S. Wilson.

Lake City Minn.,
Dec. 27th, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Brother:

Your note of inquiry, Dec. 20, is in hand and allow me to say that the Presbyterian comes all right. For your kindness in having it forwarded you have my thanks. This is a pretty cold part of the country -- hard to keep warm. Was it not for the severe cold, we would like this place very much. My congregation is growing fast. I am informed by all that it never was in a more prosperous state. The attendance on public worship is good both morning & evening. The Sab. School is also greatly increased, everything looks prosperous.

With God's blessing I have no fear of succeeding here. The cold is the only draw back. Could you not obtain for me a church in some warmer region? Try & let me hear from you.

Yours faithfully in Christ,
Hugh Wallace Jones.

Presbytery of Southern Minnesota recommends Rev. Sheldon Jackson for a Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. September 26, 1868.

The Committee on the propriety of an Assistant Secretary for the Board of Domestic Missions reported as follows, viz:

Whereas the Committee appointed by the Board of Domestic Missions to correspond with reference to a permanent Secretary, ask suggestions of any who are interested in the subject, the Presbytery of S. Minnesota do hereby respectfully suggest to the Board that a greater force is necessary to the efficient working of the Board, and that the work now done out of the Office makes it an accumulation of labor very one and perhaps for two persons.

The Board tell us with sad hearts that the Treasury is empty; that not only are they compelled to decline further Commissions, but they cannot pay those already commissioned - indeed that the Home Missionary work is at a stand still for want of funds. Presbytery is very confident that all that is wanting to fill the Treasury is for the Church to be more fully acquainted with the wants of the Board, and the particular state of the work in Missionary fields. When we pause to reflect that some of our Missionaries or the teachers are almost in a starving condition - that numbers are suffering to them and to their families in some instances has only been prevented for the time by individual brethren borrowing money on their own responsibility at high rates of interest for their relief, or the Missionaries themselves paying an interest of forty-eight per cent - we will certainly be excused for showing an earnestness in the matter that we never so deeply felt before; and should be criminal if we repeated.

When, too, we consider the advance which Presbyterianism has made during the past year in the great and important work under our supervision - the cooperation of other ecclesiastical bodies to occupy the same field - and the failures of their ability to press every advantage in that direction, we are admonished that it is of the last moment, as we value the growth of the Kingdom under our hands, not to slacken our diligence we have obtained, and doing so, it will prove disastrous, and only disastrous to our best interests.

In view of these things it is a highly desirable that our Treasury should be filled at once; and in order to this, in our judgment the Church should be brought into intimate sympathy with the whole Missionary field.

We therefore earnestly recommend as a man eminently fitted to aid in this, whether in the capacity of an Assistant Secretary or as the Secretary proper of the Board, Rev. Sheldon Jackson of Rochester, Minnesota.

(signed) H. A. Payne, Moderator, Com.

Report was received and adopted. (over)

A True Extract from Records of the Presbytery of Southern Minnesota (pp. 121, 122). And passed by Presbytery during its Sessions at Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 26, 1868.
Attest: W. S. Wilson, M. C.

Synod of Iowa (Old School) recommended to the Board of Domestic Missions of the Presbyterian Church the appointment of Rev. Sheldon Jackson District Missionary for Northern Iowa.

The Synod of Iowa in session at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oct. 18th, 1868, Adopted resolutions expressing the judgment of Synod, that the District Missionary was not sufficient for the State at this time and urging the Board of Missions, as soon as their funds will permit, to erect a new District Missionary field, embracing the Northwestern Railroad and the territory between it and the Minnesota line and recommending the Rev. Sheldon Jackson of Minnesota as a suitable man for District-Missionary in the New Field.

(signed) J. Armstrong, Stated Clerk.

(Copy)

THE SYNOD OF IOWA.

J. C. McClintock, Stated Clerk.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 8, 1903.

Dear Doctor Jackson:

Herewith find attested copy of the action of the synod of Iowa relative to your appointment, as requested in yours of April 6th.

The Synod of Iowa (O.S.) taking this action, consisted of the Presbyteries of Cedar, Dubuque, Fort Dodge and Vinton--all located in the North half of Iowa. There was at the same time the Synod of Southern Iowa, (O.S.) in the Southern part of the State, and a N. S. Synod of Iowa, embracing the Whole State.

Yours cordially,

(signed) J. C. McClintock.

(Copy)

Sioux City, Iowa, April 8, 1903.

From the Minutes of the Synod of Iowa in session at Cedar Rapids, October 5, 1868.

(8:50, A.M.)

"The Rev. John Armstrong offered the following paper on a New District Missionary Field, which was read and placed on the Docket:

"WHEREAS: In view of the rapidly increasing population of our State, now numbering about one million souls; and of the several lines of rail roads being constructed through the State with the numerous villages and cities springing up along them.

and over our vast prairies, we believe that in order to render the plan of District Missionaries effective more than one is required in Iowa. Therefore,

"Resolved: First, That we respectfully suggest to the Board of Missions that they consider the propriety of appointing another Missionary in this State as soon as their funds will permit; whose field shall be the North Western Rail Road and the territory lying between it and the Minnesota line, and that he be especially directed to visit the new settlements and towns, not contiguous to other fields now occupied by our ministers, and to secure organizations where advisable foster them, and as soon as practicable secure for them the regular ministrations of the Word.

"Resolved: Second, That a committee of six be appointed to nominate one whom Synod may recommend to the Board as District Missionary for the new field."

(Afternoon Sessions)

"The paper on the new District Missionary Field was taken from the Docket and adopted, and the following committee was appointed under Resolution Second of said paper: Rev. John Armstrong, Rev. W. P. Carson, Rev. Robert Peag, Rev. James Frothingham, Rev. V. G. Sheeley and J. S. Love."

(7:30 P.M., Oct. 3)

"The Committee to nominate a District Missionary for the new field reported, recommending the Rev. S. Jackson."

The report was adopted."

The above is a true copy of the action taken by the Synod of Iowa, relative to the division of the field and the appointment of the Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Attest:

(signed) J. C. McClintock,
Stated Clerk of the Synod.

The Presbyteries of Des Moines, Missouri River and Fort Dodge, Iowa, appoint Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Missions within their bounds.

Oceola, Iowa, April 24, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

By the unanimous vote of the Presbytery of Des Moines in session at Oceola, April 22nd, 23d and 24th, you are appointed and invited to Act as District Missionary in Central and Western Iowa as far as this Presbytery has jurisdiction.

(signed) Rev. D. S. Tarpan, Moderator.
J. M. Ratfelder, Stated Clerk.
George Kruck, Temporary Clerk.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

You are hereby appointed by the Presbytery of Missouri River as superintendent of Missions for Western Iowa, Nebraska, Dakota, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Utah, or as far as our jurisdiction extends.

Done in session at Sioux City, Iowa, the 1st day of May A. D. 1869.

(signed) C. D. Roberts, Moderator,
T. H. Cleland, Temporary Clerk.
J. T. Baird, Stated Clerk.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

The Presbytery of Fort Dodge have heartily concurred in the action of the Presbyteries of Des Moines and Missouri River and do hereby unanimously appoint you Superintendent of Missions in our bounds.

Done in session at Clarksville, Iowa, this 3th day of May, 1869.

(signed) R. Merrill, Moderator.
Geo. Graham, Stated Clerk.
Samuel Ross, Temporary Clerk.

215 Madison Avenue, New York,
March 23, 1869.

Rev. Willis Lord, D. D.
My dear Sir:

I suppose that Mr. Jackson has reported to you the result of his recent mission to this City and vicinity. He was favorably received by the Pastors, and your letter to me, respecting him (which I handed immediately to Dr. Murray) was very serviceable. You may have noticed by the last Record the remark referring, doubtless to Mr. Jackson and Mr. Lyon. To say the least, it is ungrateful treatment to Mr. Jackson, as he was highly instrumental in extricating the Board from its financial difficulties last winter. Dr. Musgrave is evidently under a strong impression and I think a letter from you, with reference to the subject, and to Mr. Jackson's qualifications and services, will have great weight with Dr. Musgrave.

Yours sincerely,
A. N. Corning.

Chicago, March 25th, 1869.

My Dear Brother Jackson:

I received the enclosed this morning and send it to you as tending to encourage you in the present coldness of the

Board.

The article in the Record I have read --- and suspect it was written by either Brother Richfield or Brother Ainslie. Can you, or can you not confirm my suspicion? Christ came to seek and save the lost; and therefore commanded the Church to preach the gospel to every creature. The principle of that Report is, Go only where there are Presbyterians. Carried out at home, and we should very soon by the smallest of all the Tribes of Israel; while, logically, it would put an end at once to our whole Foreign Missionary work.

The Lord bless you more and more in your efforts to send the Gospel, and found churches, not only where there is already the required number of "Live Presbyterians," but, also, where there are hundreds, thousands, and tens of thousands of the dead in sin.

Very truly I am yours,
Willis Lord.

Mission House, 907 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, August 10, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory.

Dear Brother:

After an interval of several weeks the Executive Committee met yesterday afternoon and I now have the pleasure of enclosing you a Commission as District Missionary for Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, at a salary of \$1500, without travelling expenses.

If you attend the meeting of the General Assembly at Pittsburg in November, I shall be glad to have a personal conference with you, and if you can convince me that your salary should be increased I will cordially recommend an addition to the present appropriation.

In reply to your inquiry I answer, that we have at present, three Missionaries in Nebraska: Rev. H. M. Giltner, at a salary of \$300; Rev. J. T. Baird, at \$200; and Rev. M. V. Van Artsdale at \$600. In Colorado we have two missionaries: Rev. A. R. Day, at \$800 and Rev. C. M. Campbell at \$800. In Wyoming we have Rev. John L. Gage at a salary of \$500. In addition to these we have recently commissioned the Rev. Messrs. M. Hughes and G. N. Hutchinson, the former at a salary of \$500 and the latter at the rate of \$400. Will you please inform us in what State or Territory Messrs. Hughes and Hutchinson are located, as we were not definitely informed upon this subject by the Presbytery when they made the application for their appointment.

I am not able to answer definitely your inquiry as to what additional amount the Board could afford to appropriate within your district, as we have so many applications for new appointments from almost every section of our widely extended country.

All I can say is that we will do the best for our field that our means will allow; and that every individual case must be decided upon its merits.

The appropriations made since the first of March are very heavy -- nevertheless we can afford to make some new appointments, but not many, if the salaries are large. Do not be care less, or permit the board to say new enterprises without previously consulting the Executive Committee.

Fraternally yours,
G. W. Musgrave,
per P.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS, acting under the authority and by the order of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, have appropriated the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.) to support Rev. Sheldon Jackson as District Missionary for Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming.

This appropriation is for twelve months, and to commence July 1st, 1889.

In Witness Whereof the Board of Domestic Missions,
(signed) JOHN MACFARLAN, President.

G. W. MUSGRAVE, Corresponding Secretary,
Mission House, 207 Arch Street, Per A.
Philadelphia, August 21st, 1889.

Brooklyn, January 20, 1890.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Sickness has prevented my attending to sending the enclosed. Mrs. Trank sends \$10; myself \$50.

Please let me hear if you receive it. I have had the day for the last time in a week. My liver is affected with appetite or strength, can't write.

We send love to Mrs. Jackson and yourself. I shall be glad to see you in our Church and I shall be glad to see you.

Truly,
S. M. G. Merrill.

Muscatine, Iowa, February 23rd, 1890.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Yours of the 18th ultimo came to hand in due time. I am glad that you are about to enter on the missionary work in our Synod. I have delayed writing until I could secure passes for you on our Rail Road as you requested. I would

Davenport a few days since and conferred with Brother Anderson, but we could accomplish nothing. ^{mission} in the case of man for the road in this State, but he cannot issue free passes. And he would not if he could, for he is a Unitarian and has no sympathy with Evangelical labor.

It will have to be done at Headquarters in Chicago. I think a Mr. Tracy is the chief official there, but in what capacity I do not know. I have no influence or acquaintance there. You know these things like kissing go to favor.

It will however make no difference with you as this Railroad runs through a region that is supplied with the gospel, and there will be no work demanding your time. It runs out of our Synod west of Newton, there ought to be some done or at least between Des Moines and Council Bluffs, but that is in the Southern Synod.

I think the North-Western Road from Clinton is in our Synod for some distance west of the Des Moines river, and should be traversed by you to Council Bluffs. It is the Northern and Western parts of the State that present the most urgent claims, and which will be soon almost lost to us if not taken hold of vigorously.

I hope that you may be greatly blessed in your work, and be successful in laying the foundations broad and strong for Christ and Presbyterianism in this State.

Yours truly,
John Armstrong.

New York, May 14, 1869.

Dear Brother:

Circumstances have long occurred to cause me to defer sending you as enclosed one hundred and fifty dollars. You have however been constantly in my remembrance and in my daily petitions you and your fellow helpers have not been forgotten. I trust Providence will always enable you to redeem the pledges you make to your collaborators and will likewise enable you to do a great and good work.

Yours affectionately,
Wm. R. Tanenway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minnesota.

New York, April 1, 1869.

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My Dear Sir:

I have just received yours of 24th March and now enclose my check on my house Brown Brothers & Co. for \$150 paid through my pastor Mr. Kellogg. The restitution for special aid all over the country is fearful, and it is no

where needed more than in this very city. If the population in our midst could be reached, which an effort is now making to accomplish through the Church extension committee lately organized for that purpose, it would increase the donors for missionary work.

I wont impose on you the talk of any detailed statement of your work or rather of your substitutes, feeling assured that the means sent will be used to produce the best results.

I remain yours truly,
James Brown,

21 University Place.

Seneca Falls, April 5, 1869.

Dear Sir:

Your letter did not arrive in time, but I presented the matter and after talking it over it was unanimously resolved that to do anything like seceding from the Board of our Church even for a time is inexpedient and open to grave misconstruction. We agreed at the same time to give you a special opportunity to collect from our people, and some of us in our regular contribution to Domestic Missions had in mind this second effort. If you can be here any time during the year (not in September), more can be obtained by yourself in person. Next best to that will be to secure the services of one or two or more of your friends (gentlemen or lady or both) to collect on your behalf, and all the better if this last work is accompanied by half a dozen appeals by letter from you to as many of your friends of whose sympathy you have had experience.

We must hope for a better state of things after "re-union" is settled. But I sometimes am much disheartened.

Truly yours,
J. Trumbull Backus.

Presbyterian Board of Publication,
No. 321 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, April 15, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Dear Brother:

Mrs. Schenck received yours of the 2d instant and at her suggestion I now inclose to you my check for \$100, which please accept as our joint offering to aid in promoting the objects for which you are laboring. May God richly bless you and your labours in your important work.

Please notify us by a few lines of your safe receipt of the check.

Very fraternally yours,
W. E. Schenck.

Independence, Iowa, April 16, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Yours of the 23d ultimo was received. I have been very busily engaged in addition to other duties in collecting materials and getting in a foundation for a house. This must be my apology for not answering sooner, as I intended. The letter was laid aside and I entirely forgot it until just now it has turned up.

The members of our Presbytery all have families excepting Brother Van Vliet and (I think) Moery German teacher. Also we have the widow, and four children of our lamented Brother Carson. In haste,

Yours in the Gospel,
John Boggs.

Fremont, April 19, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

I learn that Brother Henry will report to you. I wish he could be assigned some work where we could see each other often on the Sioux City Rail Road. I know from the peculiar-ity of Brother's disease that he will not be able to endure great physical effort. What do you think of my giving up Blair for a time and operating at Cincinnati (i.e. California Junction) till Blair again makes a start to justify effort? There is a very good country element at Cincinnati and they want preaching. It may be better for me to concentrate time and strength at Fremont and let Henry take Cincinnati. There is also a point between Missouri Valley and Onawa which claims attention. Presbyterians are there and could be united with Cincinnati.

Had you not better send at once and secure "Pass" on Sioux City Rail Road for Brother (Henry B. Gage)? I know his circumstances and with so much traveling expenses---an expensive field will not make expenses meet.

Yours,
John J. Gage.

Mission House, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia,
April 23, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Dear Brother:

The offer of your service to the Board has been brought to the attention of the Executive Committee and I have been instructed to request you to be more definite in communicating your views and wishes.

1. Have you a preference for any one of the States or

Territories mentioned by you, and if so which one?

2. What kind of work do you contemplate? Do you propose to act simply as an explorer? or to preach the gospel to the destitute as an itinerant missionary within a limited field in which you could gather and organize churches?

With kind regards,

Fraternally Yours,
G. W. Musgrave,
per A.

New York, April 24, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Your communication has been kindly received, and we have decided in our own family to agree to your request. Enclosed you will find an order on the Post office for \$150 - one hundred and fifty dollars, the sum necessary for one Missionary.

Yours with Sincere regard,
Mrs. Daniel Parish,

Please acknowledge this when received.

Philadelphia, April 24, 1869,
Chestnut St. 1525.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I enclose six dollars freight on the box according to your letter and wish - could send \$6000 or \$60,000 for your work in Iowa, but I am pledged beyond my means for some time to come. I read with interest the article in The Presbyterian and hope it has yielded supplies.

Miss Holland has desired me to be her scribe and reply to your favor under date of March 23d.--her eyes will not permit her to use the pen with as much freedom as formerly. She desired me to express her interest in your work, but at the same time to say that a very unexpected call and one which she must answer will deprive her of the ability to do any thing in the Domestic Missionary field, for months. From what she said, I presume all her receipts for a long time to come are already appropriated. Miss Holland delights to give to work for the Lord and is most liberal, but you have no idea of the claims upon her purse, they seem to be unceasing. We are both hoping that after the meeting of the General Assembly a new order of things will take place, which will give more efficiency to the work in the West. At Miss Holland's request I read your letter to Mrs. Newkirk. She did not say what she would do, but doubtless she will do all she can. This week she has buried a sister who I observe by this morning's paper left \$300 to the Board of Domestic Missions and one paper says "Domestic " Missions in Iowa. Mrs. Newkirk has recently also lost her Aunt,

Mrs. Alexander Henry, her own health is not good-- she suffers with the trouble in her feet as when you were here--cannot go about with ease, and is confined to the house most of her time, and often to her chamber. Also for some weeks to her bed with inflammatory rheumatism, but her heart goes abroad, and head and heart are continually devising liberal things which her health too often obliges her to cast on others to execute.

In hope that all these wastes may speedily be supplied by the great Lord of the harvest who can move upon the hearts of those to whom He has committed the silver and the gold for this purpose,

I remain very truly,
Your friend,
Mrs. E. P. L. Jones.

Salem, Ohio, April 26, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I expect to be ready to leave here for Iowa in less than two weeks and shall go nearly directly there. Shall I go to Council Bluff? Can I get a clergyman's ticket on any part of the way out there? Can you send me a hundred dollars (\$100) forwarded on my years salary? If you cannot send me this much please send me as much as you can for I need it very much. If you send it in a check have it made if you can upon one of the Banks of Salem, Ohio, if you can; if you cannot then have it upon one of the Allegheny Pittsburgh Banks.

Please tell me anything else that will be of interest to me.

Yours in Christ,
J. Nesbit Wilson.

P.S. Address me at Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio. - J. N. W.
(Answered May 5th enclosing draft for \$100.)

New York, April 28, 1869.
15 West 12th Street.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter describing the spiritual destitution of Northern and Western Iowa and Eastern Nebraska a few days since. I thank you for commending this call to Missionary effort to my favorable notice.

I regret to say that I cannot now respond in a pecuniary way to this object. I feel a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of these states and I hope it will be in my power to do something towards supplying them with the means of grace.

I am happy to hear that Mr. Savage is doing well. I hope he is receiving aid for the building of his church.

My son desires to be remembered to you. With my best

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river and hope to have a laborer there soon. I will look as best
able after all Nevada. Will be here and in Nevada most of the
summer. Matters look hopeful on this wonderful combination of
wickedness and worldliness. My greatest want in a general effort
to supply and extend the work here and in California is W.M. How
is it with you in this respect? Is there any man you know fit for
such a field as this, who would come? We could assume his expenses.
May the Lord grant you much of His Spirit with great success
is the earnest prayer of

Yours in Jesus,
A. M. Stewart.

Address me at
Treaders City,
Nevada.

New York, 34 West 17th St., May 4, 1869.

My dear Sir:

I owe you an apology for not writing sooner to acknowledge your kind letter to my Mother and to thank you for the book you were so good as to send me. It interested us all very much and gave us new ideas of the hardship of Missionary life in the West. In reply to your letter I would say that my Mother, brother and self will furnish the support of one of the licentiates \$150 for the summer and if you will send us word how and when you wish it paid my brother will forward it to you as suits your convenience, either all in advance or in any way you may desire.

Wishing you success in your undertaking I am,
Yours truly,

Sarah Lord.

34 W. 17th St., New York,
May 4th, 1869.

New York, May 5, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Respected Sir:

Enclosed please find my check for fifty dollars for the young Missionary you are about sending for me to preach the precious gospel of our blessed Saviour Jesus to the destitute. May the Lord abundantly bless his laborers that all our hearts may be made to rejoice.

As soon as you can please let me know his name and address, how long his engagement will last, &c. I will send him another fifty in the middle of the time and at the close, or the hundred at the close, whichever he prefers, expecting always to hear from yourself that all is to your satisfaction before payment is made. Hoping you may see great good resulting from your arrangements in all the fields in which you expect to send these laborers. I subscribe myself,

Your friend,

A. C. Brown.

141 W. 45th Street.

Presbyterian Board of Publication,
Colportage Department, 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia,
May 7, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Dear Brother:

Your letter dated at Sioux City Iowa, on the 3rd instant has been received to-day. You do not tell me what address my reply so I send it to Rochester, presuming that it will be forwarded thence to you. I am glad our remittance reached

your safety and that you may be enabled to use it for the advancement of the Master's cause.

I am just completing an arrangement with Mr. Harry True, son of Brother True of Marion, Ohio, under which the former will act as a Colporteur for our Board in Denver City, Colorado, and the surrounding region. He is well recommended to us, but if you get into his vicinity, and especially if you could see him I would take it as a great favour if you will let me know all you can learn about him and his qualification for our work.

If during your journeyings in the far West you can hear of a man thoroughly qualified to do Colporteur work in Nevada please to let us know all about him. We would be very glad to appoint and sustain a man in that region.

I do not at present know through whom you can secure a free pass on the Pacific R.R. If I can hear of any one able and disposed to grant you such a favor, I will at once write you again.

Fraternally yours,
W. E. Schenck.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 10, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have received for you three letters, none of which I need answer, and perhaps none of which you would care to have until you return. One from A. C. Brown or Brewer, 141 West 45th St., New York, enclosing a check on Peoples Bank N. Y. for \$50.

One from R. H. Cunningham, Rushford, Minnesota, asking a letter of recommendation to Sheldon & Co. or some other book house in New York or Philadelphia. His wish is to purchase books at Missionary prices. Perhaps you had better address him immediately at 55 Sandusky Street, Allegheny City, care of Z. Z. Loy, Esq.; One from Rochester, Minnesota, with which Mrs. Jackson is doubtless familiar. D. L. Hughes has resigned his charge with a view to taking the line of operations on the Chicago & Rock Island road.

I have letters of inquiry from Robert Cruikshank, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, who has been teaching with pracking and Wm. M. Crosier of Burlingame, Kansas, a young man inquiring for fields of usefulness.

Besides these none others. Bishop is still with us and goes to Sidney next Sabbath. I have written to Thomson to decide immediately to come to Atlantic and Lewis to Dr. Findley of Lewis and Kellogg of Atlantic. I have put Truman of the North West Seminary on the track for a pass over the Union Pacific Road for you. He thinks he can secure it through the influence of the Burlington Road. I will pull other wires within reach and urge you for safety to do the same.

The New School have determined on an enterprise here, and Brother Little will seek aid for it, while at the Seminary.

Since I cannot stir up our own Brethren towards an O. S. organization I bid him God speed. Let me know if your family will return with you that we may make provision accordingly.

Remember me and my wife to Mrs. Jackson.

Fraternally yours,
T. H. Cleland, Jr.

P. S. I see that a Kansas Presbytery notices you favorably for the Secretaryship of the Board of Domestic Missions. This is likely to give you favor with Dr. Musgrave!

Pawnee City, Nebraska, May 10, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

My wife requests me to write you this and to tender you her most hearty thanks for your most timely gift--your favor is fully appreciated. It was a God-send to her. She wishes me to say she would write herself an acknowledgment were she able. She is now very sick, dangerously sick. She was taken worse on Saturday morning. We arrived home Thursday evening. Mrs. Giltner's health has been poor since March last. You may be sure this is a trial to me. I hope and pray the Lord will restore her to health once more. Pray for us.

Yours in Christian bonds,

P.S. Will write you) H. M. Giltner.
(the letter you requested)
(at my first leisure.)

Blair, Iowa, May 11, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

I am now at the Missouri River only waiting for the boatman -- am in the caboose, writing. Blair is a little town among the corn stalks yet but supposed to be of some importance prospectively. The Congregational minister from Sioux City is at Blair--- a very good man, understands building from the foundation.

I found lots reserved for a Presbyterian Church. But Mr. Walker is a New School Presbyterian and the Congregationalists spoke as though they were reserved for a New School Church. But the Agent evidently knew nothing more than they were for a Presbyterian, and so I said nothing.

I found the conductor on the train was from our Wyoming and St. Paul Rail Road, so this morning I went "dead-head"--- I could not get a "pass" on Pacific R. R. -- will make another effort --- secured 1/2 fare only. I promised another visit of some one and a Sabbath at Blair. But I doubt whether prospects will justify our settling a man there. It may make a town --- and the New School should now consider the ground as preoccupied by us.

Fremont is a thriving town, like Owatonna. I could not find one Presbyterian not in connection with Congregational Church. I preached twice--for Methodists and Congregationalists, the latter being without a pastor; and the Congregationalists paid my hotel bill. I left an appointment for 1st Sabbath of June and arranged for free board over Sabbath for the next man at a Baptist hotel.

I presume you will by all means wish to hold this point. The Railroad and business men at Omaha look for a good town. I do not know what to think in reference to settling there myself. At present there is nothing to begin with -- no nucleus.

The country is fine looking but farm houses are as plenty or scarce black berries in Greenland. Land evidently in the hands of speculators. Here comes the boatman--"soon he'll take me over". I have three hours now to wait in a caboose then an hour at St. Johns-- I shall be at Cheyenne in two weeks and operate East-- thence as I return I look to you and Cleland to send a supply to Fremont 1st Sabbath of June and thereafter. And so of Blair if you hold it.

Regards to Alex Elder, &c. Address Council Bluffs, care of Cleland.

John L. Gage.

Brooklyn, May 11, 1869.

Dear Brother:

Yours of March 24th did surprise me, but I am always glad to hear from you any how. Your travels have been extended indeed over considerable territory, and I do want to know with what results; also where you have located your family; how God has sustained you materially and spiritually -- since you last wrote me. If we shall be trying to gather a box of clothing (for you or your field)-- We do not clearly understand your assertions in reference to the destitution of the preached word. Is it no Presbyterian, or no any denomination? I think you mean the former -- how many are there of all Christian Ministers? Nebraska must be a desert indeed. I wish you had scores like yourself engaged in this blessed work. Cannot understand how you can be held amenable to the Presbyteries in your route if you have withdrawn from the Board.

Strange destitution of Presbyterian Ministers between Omaha and California --- we are a slow coach -- may God multiply laborers a hundred fold from every Christian denomination. I heard Martin lecture (with his great map in our Church last winter -- our immense territory stunned me -- its wealth in minerals &c. will draw the money-loving and godless whom the papacy will trap unless we give them the glorious gospel of the blessed God. I have laid by a ten for you and Mrs. Wyckoff a five. Shall I send now through a postoffice order?

Should have written before but have been occupied in aiding to get up a strictly christian fair to sustain our Union.

Woman's Foreign Missions, which has done a great Union work at home as well as abroad; we cleared thirteen thousand dollars. Our Women's Temperance Association held one yearly public meeting in Packer Institute Chapel yesterday, Rev. Mr. Hale, late of Cincinnati, spoke very effectively. He advises our getting into Sabbath Schools to secure the young. May God give us success. Will send you our Report when you tell me where to address you. This must go to Rochester as you have not indicated any other point.

You will probably be floating and we may wait long for an answer. I do not expect to leave Brooklyn before July. We unite in love to Mrs. Jackson and yourself.

As ever,
S. L. G. Merrill.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 15, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have before me yours of 17th instant from Rochester and am glad to know that you are to be Superintendent of Missions in the Western Territories. I cannot command time to write what I would like to, at present. I intend to go to Omaha early week after next and if possible will call on you - say Tuesday the 25th instant, but I may be called another way before that time. Should I not meet you allow me here to say, Do not encourage any Minister to go to the Mining regions who is not devotedly pious, and is not a man of more than ordinary talent; better send half the number and pay them a fair salary than a full number who are not the right men. I fear that I have not said just the right thing, but it will set you thinking and inquiring. What will answer for many places in Minnesota and Iowa will not do for the Mining regions, another class of talent is wanted. None but earnest Christians who love Christ more than Gold, should go.

I now intend to go to Colorado, and Utah next month, but I may not; I shall probably know when I get to Omaha. If I go should like much to go with you, if you are going about that time.

I am sorry to say that I can see no way that I can aid you in getting passes. If any one can, whom I know, it is Mr. Strong, General Freight Agent of Chicago & Northwestern R. R., who resides at Council Bluffs. He is a Christian man, I think, and formerly lived in Janesville, Wisconsin, and has a brother I believe preaching in Faribault, Minnesota. The Agent of Wells Fargo & Co.'s Stage Co. & Express in Omaha is the only man I know of who can give you any information about the Stages. I do not think he has authority to aid you but he may inform you who to apply to. I have always paid full fare over their lines and expect to do so next month.

Yours Truly,

P. C. Hale.

The New Church has given Rev. Mr. Graham a unanimous call. He has not accepted, but from his letters his friends are sanguine of his acceptance. The church is working harmoniously, and their prospects for usefulness good. It is called the "Calvary Presbyterian Church."

Eau Claire, Wisconsin, August 31, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

I received your letter in reply to mine and would say I expect to be present at the meeting of Synod at Winona, and will also arrange to attend the meeting of Synod at Independence on the 5th of October. I will also hold myself free from any engagements in other fields until I visit that region.

I see Independence is or was a short time since vacant. What about the place -- church schools, &c. there? Is it a field suited to me and I to it?

My old church at Chippewa Falls will want (I presume) a Presbyterian Minister at the close of the year of the present temporary supply (in November let). I wish we had a good judicious man to send there. I did too much hard work there during my eleven years stay to see it wasted away. We are in usual health except one of our children; also our hired girl is sick, making it hard for Mrs. Phillips. Respects to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in Christian fellowship,
R. Phillips.

Mt. Ayr, Iowa, May 15, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Yours from Sioux City duly received. I am glad you are coming to our assistance, and shall be glad to meet you as you suggest, though we may be able to organize them so soon as I have obtained the consent of any one to serve as Elder. There are two men there who should both be Elders. I wish to see you on the general interests of our work in these parts. Come to Mr. Alton Dunning's in the S. W. corner of Adams County.

Yours fraternally,
S. A. McElhinny.

Oswego, N. Y., May 15, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

You must have wondered by this time at my seeming inattention to your letter written months since. But this matter of

raising \$150 is not very easy among our people. At least the benevolent ones, have been taken to contribute to our four missionary boxes, and the gentlemen to whom I referred always to go have had their hands full, our own Council as well and some foreign contributions have occupied their benevolent hearts. However one gentleman to whom I referred has contributed \$50 to which is added \$25, the whole being a raised amount of \$75 will support half a missionary according to our regulations. Perhaps there may be in Minnesota some one who would just this amount. You will please to send me a receipt for the receipt know something about it. I will be glad to show the letter to Col. Smith of our church as contributor of the \$50.

My brother to our great joy will soon be in New York, and we hope to meet him in New York next week. I hope he will soon be on the list of working ministers as his name is so listed.

I hope your letters have met with a more favorable reception than we have given.

Yours respectfully,
C. E. Goodin.

Oswego, May 15, 1869.

Ms. Apr. 1869. P. O. 11, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your favor from Sioux City was duly received and could have been answered sooner but for pressure of business which caused neglect.

I am glad you have come to help us in our work here, and shall be glad to meet you. I had not intended to organize West's soon as June but if you are so well along there at that time you fixed in your letter I'll have you there and we will organize if the way is clear. We will have a meeting as in the way of it, I mean not to have a meeting but to serve as Elders, through their own labors and efforts both be Elders. There are other matters concerning our work I wish to talk with you about, so we will meet at the corner of Adams to Mr. Almon Durling's in the S. W. corner of Adams Court.

With fraternal regards, yours,
S. A. McElhinny.

P. S. Brothers Oroni and Tappan are here and are willing to organize to-day. S.A.M.

Mission House, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia,
May 17, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dr. Bro. Yr. favor of the 7th instant was laid before the Executive Committee, and I have been instructed to say in reply that as you have already accepted the appointment from the Proprietaries named by you, and have entered upon the work, any immediate action Executive Committee is unnecessary; and as the matter is one of great importance the Committee prefers to take time for its due consideration.

So soon as the Committee acts you will of course be informed of it. With kind regards,

Fraternally yours,
G. W. McGrawe,
per A.

Omaha, Nebraska, May 17, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

God has been very good to us in opening up this field. We have visited from house to house long enough to learn the need of a church in the part of the city we hope to be able to cultivate and long enough to find quite a number willing to encourage us in any way that they are able in the work we propose doing.

We have received encouragement enough to justify us under the blessing of God to work on. All agree that we only need a house of worship to enable us to have a congregation and in God's good time a church. We will propose to buy the lot if you will agree to raise the means to build the house.

We are not able to rent any kind of a room, on the field, to answer our purpose. We have a few wealthy men willing to assist in building a church building and all agree that it is best to build first. The lot the brethren propose buying is a beautiful location and will cost \$3000 cash.

Brother Cleland advises and the brethren here agree with him that we should build the Sunday School room or lecture room of the future church building. I have no doubt if we can build immediately but we will under the blessing of God have a self-supporting church here in a very short time.

Now Brother Cleland's view is the only one yet given that seems to me will enable us to do the most for Christ in the shortest time.

Should it seem so to you will you assist in meeting this immediate demand?

I hope soon to report to you more encouraging news. Should you not be able to go East or where God may direct you to raise means to meet our wants, do the next best thing in helping another. I ask your prayers in behalf of my field.

Hoping to see you soon at least to hear from you, I remain
Your brother in Christ, M. V. Van Arsdale.

P.S. - On coming to the office I met a good brother who told me to report to you that the lot could be bought and that he would buy it and pay for it and all we need do, go on and build and when we got trustees he would deed it to them. This was great news to me.

Yours, H. V. Van Arsdale.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Monday 17th May,
1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Brother Ned at Wilson has been with me since Saturday, Gage holding a commission for North Western and yet ignoring or Union Pacific R. R. a little embarrassed and yet the best that I know is to send Wilson out on the North Western to Danielson first. Then have him meet this Brother at Jefferson and Rev. Carroll, and after consultation to labor on Eastward as the way seems to be open.

I had a letter from Vater of Jewellville, Minnesota, he wants to come to Iowa.

I had a visit from Van Arsdale Saturday. The work seems highly encouraging in Omaha beyond our most sanguine hopes. The friends in Omaha urge buying a lot immediately in a desirable yet wholly destitute locality. The lot they have decided upon the cost of which will be about \$3000 - It is a corner lot broad and deep - I forget the dimensions. I urged Van Arsdale to set forward to the erection of a lecture room on the rear end of this lot fronting on the side street to be permanent lecture and Sabbath School room, leaving ample room for the church building to front on the principal street. The edifice should be of brick to indicate permanence. Such a plain building I would think might be erected for \$4000 or \$5000.

Now if the Omaha Brethren raise the \$3000 for the lot can you not on this raise something in New York and Van Arsdale in Chicago? Perhaps a simple letter from you to the New York Pastors would call out two or three or even four thousand dollars for Omaha. But if you think that the effort should be made in person will it not be the best thing you can do immediately? Van Arsdale thinks he can raise one thousand or fifteen hundred in Chicago.

I write concerning this now as it might change your plans and save you a trip to Council Bluffs. I leave the whole matter to your discretion only adding that we must as soon as possible have a house of worship for Omaha or we fail there. Officer's idea is to erect a plain frame building, but this would not do in Omaha in my judgment.

I met yesterday Rev. John McDonald of Sacramento on his way to the Assembly. He is alive to the interests of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific R. R. and expects to talk it up in the Assembly. I wish you could get a hearing there.

Your house is progressing and I think our We had at

a very nice place. We are without servants altogether or the boarding would be settled. Gage spent his second Sabbath at Fremont yesterday. He has found no Presbyterians yet.

In haste,

Your brother in Christ,
W. H. Cleland, Jr.

206 Lexington Avenue, New York,
May 17, 1889.

My dear Brother:

It was Mr. H. K. Curving whom I spoke of as willing to send my students. I suppose he has written you by this time.

Mrs. Brown received your letter. She wants to know the name of the young man she is to support, and she will send her money in installments.

Mrs. Brown is a most excellent woman and she has her own way of doing things. You will readily understand it.

I will mention your case as to a Rail Road and express Pass to some of my rail road men.

Yours truly,
J. O. Murray.

Ottawa, Iowa, May 17, 1889.

Rev. Jackson:

Dear Sir:

I wrote you a letter from Callanburg, stating that I would be in this place in a few days and wished you to write me if you still had a place for me to do missionary work for four months if I could go, and where the places are.

I have not received an answer from you and thinking that my letter might not have reached you I concluded to write you again, and have you address me at this place. I am ready to go to the places to which you may assign me for four months.

I may not have to travel so far if you direct me to the point from this place as if I should go on to Council Bluffs.

Please answer immediately and oblige your brother in Christ,

O. A. Elliott.

Address in care of Dr. S.C.
No. 143, Box 143.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, May 18, 1889.

Dear Cleland,

I found a Congregational Brother at North Platte and he wants to occupy Sidney also. One minister is all that is needed at North Platte -- no Methodists even. Bookline shops and garrison make up the town of 400.

The same is true of Sidney. We might send a man to live there -- 12 families are there.

The Congregational missionary has visited Cheyenne and the Congregational element and some Presbyterians at least pledged \$600 for support of minister; and also money for building. They have calculated on the cooperation of all the Presbyterians.

I presume the most influential of the New School Presbyterians are committed to the Congregationalists.

(I have only been in town a few hours but have seen several parties). Under these circumstances do you feel inclined to push our advantages and hold what we can. They have invited a man from Chicago.

I have arranged for service next Sabbath. I shall try and stay here and explore the field and visit Larabee. But I wish to know how you feel in reference to a permanent occupation of the field conjointly with the Congregationalists, and at the disadvantage of members and means for building, &c.

They will receive \$600 from Home Missionary Society. Living is expensive of course.

I should hold on -- for the Chicago one may not accept in which case I can claim support and sympathy from all Presbyterians.

From what I learn of Larabee I think we ought to get a man there. No one is at that place. I hope we can learn what we need. If you know where Brother Jackson is please send him this letter. I would like to hear from him; also in reference to Fremont.

John L. Gage.

P.S. I expect to be at Cheyenne all next week so send my rail accordingly. J.L.G.

145 Exchange Place, New York, May 15, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

My sister has handed me your note of the 13th instant and I now enclose check to your order on Bank of New York for \$150 for the support of a licentiate during the summer.

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige.

Yours truly,

George De Forest Lord.

Marion, Illinois, May 20, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I was about to address you on the subject of missionary fields, &c., when I received your kind letter. I have been preaching four years -- nearly two years of that time as a

Domeside Missionary in Wisconsin. I have been two years in this place and have been engaged for the third year, all the time as St'd. Sup'y that I might be at liberty to remove to some field of labor in the rapidly opening West, where laborers in the Gospel Work were more needed. I am very pleasantly situated here, with a church membership of near one hundred and all united, wealthy and prosperous.

But the place has attained its growth - the field is limited and being largely Scotch is opposed to anything which seems like an innovation upon old and established usages. I am young (32) and warm, and earnest; extremely anxious to see the church of Christ growing, and zealous -- you may know something of my feeling -- a restraint under "Scotch Moderatism" -- a feeling of weariness and discouragement at the immobility of the people. I want to go where there is more activity, -- more zeal, more enterprise for Christ -- or at least where a warm, liberal, enthusiastic young man laboring in the love of Christ can hope to appeal successfully to a spirit of Christian progress.

God has blessed my labors here somewhat: 20 have been added to the church in as many months -- all are 5 on profession. The church is self-sustaining and pays \$800 with a Donation \$150. I preach a third service in the country every Sabbath for which I receive about \$150 -- making in all about \$1000. I have the love of the people, and love them dearly -- but I love Jesus more and I cannot think of spending my early days in comparative ease while I am strong, and many fields are waiting for the Harvest. I have no family but my young wife, we have seen affliction for God has taken 3 baby boys, and my wife is now in feeble health. Her parents live near this place. We might live on five or six hundred dollars per year. I have thought of Lincoln, Nebraska, or of Omaha, or any growing place where a church might be built up and where my labor would not be limited to keeping what others had been instrumental in acquiring.

I have written to you hastily -- freely, and as a Christian brother. I am only anxious to labor where labor is most needed, and where the Providence of God shall indicate. I shall be happy indeed if you shall be the medium of communicating to me some fruitful and growing field. The opening up of the Western country will call heavily upon the means and the love of the church, and the ministry, during the next ten years; I am engaged until next April, but if a pressing call to labor in some such field as I have indicated should be presented I doubt not that I could soon arrange to leave -- at all events I could visit the field and have a personal interview with you. I send you my photo. for the present, hoping for a more intimate acquaintance.

Yours fraternally,

Harlan P. Peck.

Oswego, Illinois, May 21, 1869.

Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

In answer to your inquiry I would say my family consists of myself, wife and little child. In regard to salary I expect to live entirely from a stated compensation having no other resources from which to draw. I presume you know the necessary amount for a laboring minister, as you have had considerable experience. My desire was to visit that region this spring, but was prevented. In reference to the kind of a field I know not how to represent it. I prefer one in which my efforts may be concentrated. Would prefer a growing town. I was disappointed in not being able to visit the churches there as my preference is in that part of the country. My practice is to preach without notes. If you think the cause demands an answer to this letter and you can give me any definite statements about the fields in your bounds you will oblige me very much.

Your Brother in Christ,
H. A. Barclay.

New York, May 22, 1869.

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My Dear Sir:

I was under the impression that I sent you a check on Brown Brothers & Co. for \$150 immediately on receipt of your of 24th March but I can find no record of it, nor does any such check appear at my debit by my house; if it has inadvertantly been omitted let me know and oblige,

Yours truly,
James Brown.

Direct care of Brown
Brothers & Co.

Memorandum:

Mrs. Parish Darley
Mrs. Lord
Mr. James Brown
Mrs. A.C. Brown J. L. Gage
H. K. Corning Hutchinson
Dr. Hall
Miss Condit J. L. Gage

Owatonna, May 26, '69.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My Dear Brother:

I have only time to write you a note to-night to say that Mr. Fuller was here yesterday inquiring for money, and tho'

needing it as I do I advanced him \$30 to pay transportation. He desired me to write you and find out whence the remainder of his means is coming from.

My own house is ready for the plastering but not begun. Will probably be in the morning.

Henry R. Wilson passed thro' today en route for Redwood. Another Mason's letter seems to attract some notice and comment. H. R. says he is not now D. S. of the Board. I suspect he knows who wrote the article in the March Record. I thought he evaded an answer when I asked him--maybe not.

My family are in health and join me in kindest wishes to yourself and family.

It seems the finances of the Board of Church Praction are so far embarrassed as notably to cause some delay in payments.

The Lord bless you in your work. No news yet from the Assembly.

Yours in Christ,
W. S. Wilson.

P.S. Fuller inquires where the plans and specifications of the House are and wants them sent to Albert Lea. W.

Page City, Page County, Iowa.,
May 25, 1893.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rev. and Dear Brother:

You'll remember me. I left home in Nebraska City on the 13th of this month. I have held 3 Full Sabbath services, 3 each at Fairburgh and Manti; finding 13 at Fairburgh and 9 at Manti, of Old School Presbyterians with some adherents and elements out of which we could make others. I have addressed 2 Sabbath Schools, held 2 week day services; last night here with 50 in attendance, I have addressed 6 Public schools by the way on education and Jesus. I have prayed ec. with a goodly number of families -- most of our own faith; given some few tracts. I have not, nor can I carry many. I am now here. I hold, God willing, 3 services in Clarinda next Sabbath. My rule is to deliver a sermon to children independently of the church service on Christ. I find 3 additional places demanding each a Sabbath--Amity, Pleasant Ridge, S.E., and West Settlement - Hawleyville S.E. from Clarinda. This will make it 6 weeks from May 13 before I get out of this county, and Montgomery & Hills yet to see. Page seems our most Pres. county. They should have a minister independently of the Clarinda Church.

Now, my Brother, the result of my labors will be that I shall barely get over my field twice in my 2 months, and I am but a hunter of men. Is this your desire. Please let me know immediately at Clarinda, and give me the benefit of your own enlarged experience and help and direct me. I offer no apology

for my pencil, as I have no pen with me. I hope I have not erred in writing to you---I have furnished a more detailed account to our Church Session at Nebraska City and I am keeping diary of work done. Pray for me and write soon.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Alex. M. Darley.

Brooklyn, May 29, 1869.

Dear Brother:

The few lines written on the Steamboat reached me, and I look anxiously for your next. How can I trace your movements in the Presbyterian? your position is entirely incomprehensible to me. Why should the Presbyterian publish your doings, when your connection with the Board has been severed? Agree that you should, with your limited means, contribute for the Presbyterian for me, who have such a surplus of reading matter merely to save your writing me which he assured will not satisfy for three lines from your pen would be worth as many columns from a public journal. Now you may think me too exacting but you will not find me so when you have made me understand just what you are about, and how you are sustained.

I send you \$10 from myself, and \$5.00 from good Mrs. Wyckoff in a postoffice order.

I see Mrs. Jackson and yourself, in imagination, settling in your new home, rather weary and way sore--sometimes fear you have undertaken too much.

We do not expect to go out of the City before July, and leaving our precious religious privileges and scenes of usefulness. I take the Advance, published by Dr. Patton in Chicago, get a great deal of western news in it, which interests me deeply. An article headed "Rail Road Franchises" is to the point and good, should you like to have me send it to you? The Christian At Work you have probably seen. Is there the Church is on the aggressive. Do you find fault in the paper? When you get this, please indicate by any newspaper written somewhere on the first page All right--that is if you cannot write then.

With love and sympathy for both.

Yours in Christian love.

S. M. G. Merrill.

Mrs. Wyckoff is deeply interested in your work.

Oswego, Illinois, May 29, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your letter came to day. An under man's obligation to you for your kind offer. If possible I will meet you at Des Moines. I hope to be able to make arrangements suitable

to leave home by that time. I cannot leave before that time. It looks now as if my course is to be turned westward. I trust that God will make plain to me the path of duty and guide me into all truth. I waited last spring for the decision of this Church, which seemed favorable, and caused me to return. Relying on the Board of Missions for more than the amount of the salary I thought enough would be offered to enable me to stay. The Board gives only one third the amount asked for. I will not remain on the present salary. Unless the Church will make up the deficiency, (and I think they cannot) I cannot afford to remain.

I did not receive from Mr. Cleland the letter of which you spoke but did get one from Mr. Hughes of Bellevue. Can you promise a pecuniary support in those fields sufficient to enable a minister to give his undivided attention to the ministry? I do not wish to have my mind engaged with anything else. I hope you may not become wearied with my questions as they are only asked to obtain a definite idea before starting. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain,

Yours fraternally,
H. A. Barclay.

Blainstown, Benton County, May 29, 1869.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Brother:

I received yours of the 26th instant last evening. My reasons for being at Blainstown are I thought my field extended to Cedar Rapids, and on the road near the Bluffs I could not find any field for labor. At Danlar there is only one Presbyterian and he thinks of leaving. At Denison there are about 6 or 7 Presbyterians but they are in the Methodist Church at present with the agreement that when they get enough Presbyterians in the place to organize a church that then they shall be at liberty to do so; but they do not wish to be disturbed now. Then from that up to Carroll there is nothing to work upon and Carroll will be under the care of Mr. Dunning and New Jefferson is under his care. Then there is nothing more until we get up to Oxford (At Moingona, and Moore and Ann and Nevada and States Center and Garson there are New School Presbyterian Churches). At Oxford there is an old organization but they are badly living and out 7 miles in the country at Rock Creek, there is another organization. Then there is one here and another at Fairfax. All without ministers. To meet you at Council Bluffs will be very inconvenient to me on account of the cost, but I will try to meet you at Des Moines if you wish. I have done what I have in coming this far east thinking that I was acting just as you wished me to and not with any intention of transgressing. I thought that I could work among these vacant churches until they were supplied, and help them to supplies. Please write me immediately and let

we know your will -

J. Nesbit Wilson.

P.S.- Has any mail matter come for me to Council Bluffs? I have not received any here yet.

Blairstown, May 21, 1869.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I take this opportunity to write you in regard to Mr. J. M. Wilson, who has been appointed by your Presbytery to travel as a Missionary on the west end of the North Western Railroad. He has been down to Blairstown and preached for us. We were so much pleased with him that we wish him to locate in Blairstown and he has consented to occupy this field if we can only prevail on you to release him from the Blairstown Contract. Our church has been without a Minister for nearly two years and we are anxious to get a man to go out and in before us and break the bread of life unto us. We do sincerely hope you will let him come. I think he is anxious to be released from the missionary work to take charge of our church. Will you please let us know at your earliest convenience whether you can grant our request.

Yours in Christian love,
Address - William Har,
Blairstown, Benton Co.
Iowa.

Marengo, Illinois, May 31, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your letter and that of Brother Cleland have both been received. I accept your offer, which gives you opportunity, since I was seriously deliberating whether I could afford the journey, in addition to supplying my salary of \$100 per Sabbath. It is doubtful whether I can be at Des Moines on the 8th or 9th of June, as I must remain here until after the 1st Sabbath of June, which is Communion Sabbath, at least. I may not be able to start for Council Bluffs before Tuesday the 8th, and in that case would not reach you before the morning of the 10th. However if I can start Monday and perceive any prospect of reaching Des Moines the 9th, I will do so. Should you not be at Council Bluffs when I arrive please inform Brother Cleland of any appointments you may have made for me that I may be prepared to fill them. Thanking you for the great interest you have expressed in my proposed visit to the "west", and desiring especially to be remembered to Brother Cleland, I remain yours in Christ,

F. P. Peck.

Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory,
June 1, 1869.

We the undersigned citizens of Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, encouraged by the liberal offer of \$5000.00 by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions for the North West, to assist us in the erection of a suitable Church building,

Do hereby promise our hearty cooperation and support in the effort to plant and maintain a Presbyterian Church in this City.

Names.

W. F. Thompson,
Charles R. Luell
George H. Russell
Mary H. Russell
W. W. Slaughter
Abbie C. Slaughter
Vellie Scott
S. M. Freshaws
Harriet Jones
John Jones
M. A. Scriber
A. R. Converse
C. H. Thompson

Names.

Mrs. S. F. Scriber
Martha K. Karns
Grilla Karns
Eudora Karns
Thomas Harlan
H. B. Harbut
I. H. Howe
William F. Jones
J. W. Campbell
Edward H. Lee
Mrs. T. Lyon
Mrs. Jennie Hook
James C. Brown
Margaret Brown

We the undersigned, desiring to be organized into a Presbyterian Church do hereby request the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions for Wyoming to effect in connection with Rev. John L. Gage such an organization at his earliest convenience.

Signed -

W. F. Thompson,
S. F. Scriber
George H. Russell
M. K. Karns

Mrs. M. H. Thompson
Mrs. S. F. Scriber
Anna Hecker
Mrs. Lyons
Mrs. Hook

Blairstown, Iowa, June 1, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Perhaps in mail or if not in tomorrows mail you will receive a letter from the church asking for me to give up my missionary work and take charge of this church as a pastor.

I write this simply to say that it is not at my request but only permission. I have told them repeatedly that I am bound to the missionary work and would not ask to be dismissed from it, but this did not seem to satisfy and I have at length consented at their repeated request to permit them to write to you. I have no choice in the matter. I am perfectly willing to do what is for the best for our Lord and Master and trust greatly to your judgment in the matter; so please speak it freely. It is none of my doing that you are troubled about the matter. They assume the entire responsibility of the move. I have in no way given them encouragement that I have been conscious of. I have written this letter simply to let you know exactly how I stand in the matter, that you may be free to act as you think best. This letter is of course confidential. I would rather you would not speak to them of this letter lest they not knowing what was in it might feel offended about my interference, but I think your cue to be thus informed.

Yours in Christ,
J. M. Wilson.

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Blairtown, Iowa, June 1, 1888.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir.

Rev. Mr. Wilson has spent a Sabbath with us, and in direction of the Eldership of the Church I write to know whether you will not release him from his present engagement to you and let him come and take charge of our Church. The church has been without a minister since last December a year and have spent all the time in hearing and inviting one and another but so far to no purpose. We can unite on Brother Wilson if the wants are so great that we feel as though he can do more here than in any other way. You see in the condition of matters, Our Town is about 5 years old, a building place, and Presbyterians scattered through the county, and will be into other organizations unless we can secure some one to take charge of our church has 8 male members, total of 12 (the female members is near enough). The Congregational church has a small church here which is about ready to give up and by proper exertions on our part will I think or at least we have the promise of a part of the members to unite with us if we get a minister.

We now have the good will of the people of the place and want to build during this season if we can have preaching.

It seems to us here as though God in his providence has sent Brother Wilson to us and now we only await your willingness to give him up to prosecute our salvation. He says he is under obligation to you and will not leave his present work without your consent. Is it not better to build where we have the foundation already than to make new organizations when we

places as this is vacant and asking for the work? Now Brother Jackson I hope you will look at this favorable to us and give us permission to invite Brother Wilson. I am sure if you could see our want and the necessity of occupying this field now you would say to him go. Can't you stop and see us as you are passing. Please write me.

Yours Truly,
I. W. Montfort.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 1, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours from Fremont received. Hughes from Bellevue is now ready for the Union Pacific M. R. He is a fine preacher and I trust will make a good worker. This latter I am not so sure of as his preaching talent. An Old Style minister, Rev. Andrews of Peoria Presbytery, has just come to Atlantic with 6 church members (in family) to live.

Wilson likes the field. Kellogg refused to let him preach in the Evening.

I see from the proceedings of N. S. Assembly that the Pacific Road! Pacific Road! is the missionary field, therefore we do quickly. I think Hughes will go out next week if desirable, you do not know that he would remain permanently but will work until fall or until the pressure is over. In an emergency Wilson might go, I think.

I wish we could arrange to organize the church at Atlantic on our return from Des Moines.

kindest regards to Gage. Your letter was published in the Presbyterian. Just the thing -- Two letters here for you, both unimportant. Craig of Keokuk and a New York brother enclosing Masons letter thinking it had escaped you.

Fraternally yours,
E. H. Cleland.

Macomb, Iowa, June 2, 1869.

Rev. Fr. Jackson,
Dear Brother:

As I wrote to you last fall to know where we should send a Missionary box, I take the liberty of writing again as I wish to do something more for Domestic Missions, and I suppose you know where it is most needed in your wide field. I send you five dollars for some needy Missionary wherever you may think proper to bestow it. Oh! that the great head of the church might be pleased to raise up laborers and means to supply with the gospel the vast fields now ready to receive it. I wish you abundant success in your new and important field.

Respectfully,
(Given to Rev. Mr. McElhenney, S. W. Craig,
Redford, Iowa.

Your letter of the 15th Dear Brother notifying the receipt duly received--you had not received my last mail of the 11th - trust you will get it before leaving Rochester. An article in the Presbyterian of May 8th I enclose to you fearing your paper may have miscarried, while the public are looking for a reply from you in reference to the charges of misrepresentation. We are anxious to hear from you on the subject. Mrs. Crask saw the article in Presbyterian and told me Rev. Mr. Holliday is looking for your reply presuming you have the paper, but we thought best to make it sure if possible. Showing how you stand with the Board I look for jealousy, and never scanning of all your movements. O how little of the love of Christ pervades the Church. Love to Mrs. Jackson. Do let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours in Christ,
S. H. G. Merrill.

Preston, Minn. June 2, 1861.

My Dear Friend:

I am always very glad to hear from you. Your answer to Masch is splendid, and comes just in the nick of time, for it will fall like a red hot shot into that Assembly fight over Domestic Missions. I was very much afraid that Rev. G. W. Ingraves, D.D. would be able to use Masch's letter in the debate before the publication of your reply. - A letter from my Father written May 25th says "the report of the Board of Domestic Missions is ugly towards Minnesota. An effort will be made to cause them strike out that part. The Minnesota men are to meet the Committee on that Board to-day. Cunningham is here and I urged him to go before the Committee which I hope he will do."

I think that the venerable Bone of Peace Missions will find quite a rebellion in the Camp.

I have arranged with the trustees of the church to remain till the first of May. After that perhaps I can get employment in your big diocese. Elliott is a seminary class mate of mine. I enclose a letter to Jesse L. Williams of Fort Wayne, a director of the Pacific R.R. and an elder in Presbyterian church.

I hope that you may get a pass through Wis. In the application to my uncle fail?

My Father writes that he has seen Smith and Dr. Lyon and that both will visit Astoria. Tell Gage to write to me. I think that Presbytery at Albert Lea will be doleful without either of you. I do not think that I can honestly shake hands with the member from Stewartville.

I now preach three times on Sunday, superintend our country Sunday School and teach in the village Sunday School. This year I want to give my chief time to study. When I may be glad of

the chance to branch out more in pure missionary effort. But I do not lay too many plans for future. 'Sufficient unto the day, 'ee.

Remember me to Mrs. Jackson. I hope to be in your house again some time. Had you not better write to Mr. Williams yourself inclosing my letter?

Yours with affection,
Alfred J. Stead.

Marion, Illinois, June 3, 1869.

Rev. T. J. Clarendon,
Dear Sir:

Let brother Van Arsdale as he passed through Chicago and from him learned that there was a man wanted at Fremont, Nebraska. I had written to him in regard to coming out West, and as he passed through Council Bluffs he consulted with you on the subject. He advised me to come as soon as I could make arrangements and to inform you when I would leave Chicago. I hope to come on the Omaha Express which leaves Chicago Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock (June 7th).

Rev. H. E. Beck, pastor of the Church at this place, will come at the same time. I would have come this week but had not time to reach Fremont before late on Saturday.

Hoping to see you soon and join you in the work of the Lord in the great West, I am

Yours in Christ,
J. F. Hutchinson.

Winton, Iowa, June 3, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Several weeks since I received a letter from you stating something about Corroll, telling to go ahead, &c. My way is uniformly to know what I am about, what I am to do, &c. And if you have discretionary power given by Presbytery I should be glad to have you visit Corroll and let me know what is the result. I can't go in another Presbytery without permission. I must know soon or my line of conduct may be changed. I hope to hear from you.

I am requested by Mr. John Montfort for the session of the Blairstown Church to state my views in regard to Brother J. Nesbit Wilson supplying this church all of or part of the time. This church at Blairstown needs a minister very much. Brother Wilson pleases them. This church thinks that if he can be released from his present engagement he will undertake the work with them. The question is when can the good young brother do the most good? I give it as my answer, by taking charge of the churches at and in the vicinity of Blairstown. We have

four organizations. These places should be occupied. I think Brother Wilson is just the man for them.

I wish you would think of this matter and if necessary visit this field, and if consistent with engagements set him to work for these churches.

I write this by request. Let me hear from you.

Yours in Christ,
I. S. Dunning.

P.S. Address me at Jefferson, Green Co., Iowa.

Valisco, Iowa, June 3, 1869.

By authority of the Presbytery of Missouri River the undersigned called a meeting of the Presbyterians in the vicinity of Westville, Adams County, Iowa, at Dunning's School-house, for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterian Church. The following persons are accordingly accepted and enrolled, viz: Mrs. Ann E. Dunning (by renewal of profession of faith) from the Presbyterian Church of Beech Spring, Ohio; Mr. Samuel Anspoker and Mrs. Jane Anspoker, by letter from the same church. Mrs. Mary Welch, by letter from same church, Mr. John Brown and Mrs. Ann E. Brown from the Presbyterian Church of Clarinda.

Owing to the absence of others who desire to unite in this organization, further action is postponed until the 27th inst. June 27th. Raining - no meeting.

September 11 (Communion season). The following persons were added to the foregoing list, viz. Mrs. Melinda J. Castle by letter from the Presbyterian Church of Illinois, and Mr. James M. Ritchey by renewal of profession of faith; Mr. Geo. Burnsides and Mrs. Elizabeth Burnsides, by letter from the P. Church of Scotland.

Owing to the absence on account of sickness of Mr. Brown, Ritchey the nominee for the Eldership, the ordination and installation of an Elder was indefinitely postponed and is hereby passed over to the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Missions.

F. A. McElhinney.

August 25th, 1869.

This is to certify that Mary Welch is a member in the Presbyterian Church of Beech Spring in good and regular standing and at her request we have granted this certificate to connect where God in his providence may cast her lot.

James Tarrant,
By order of Session.

Osceola, Iowa, June 5, 1869.

Rev. T. H. Cleland,

Dear Brother: Your favor of the 25th ultimo would have been

answered before this time but I was absent from home in the western part of my field. After its reception I have delayed a little since my return thinking I might be able to report the arrival of the young brother to whom you refer, but who has not yet made his appearance. If he comes I will take great pleasure in rendering him any assistance in my power, but I will not be able, from personal knowledge of any part of the field he is to occupy to give him such information. I was present at the organization of the church at Mt. Ayr but not at West

I rejoice in the prospect of any additional ministerial help in this destitute region; such is needed and I regret exceedingly that our district missionary for Iowa should do anything to counteract laudable efforts by others to awaken an interest in behalf of the Western portion of our State. A good man will be needed for Afton and Union County in a few months.

Yours truly in the gospel,
J. Cannon.

Grand Island Station, June 5, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Yours of the 3d is received. It gives us pleasure to learn the facts that it contains in regard to giving us stated preaching at this place. Brother Carroll visited us some four weeks since in hope to have organized a church here but did not succeed in so doing. I thought that if he could have staid with us a few days longer he could have got up a church here. I had thought that I would not insist upon another effort at present but am very glad that others are caring for us. I do not know of but four Presbyterian churches here but there are others of other denominations that would no doubt have come in if we had gone and organized - they have told us so since then. Please give me any intelligence that you wish to give us and I will do as; in my power to help along in the matter.

I remain yours truly,
Robert Mitchell.

Waverley, Iowa, June 7, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I am, or will soon be at liberty here, my congregation having united with me in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

I have no place in view and now fulfill my promise to write to you before engaging elsewhere. I do not know but I would like the work, and I do not write to offer my services, but to make inquiry as to the demand for workmen, the nature of the work and just what is needed, the way.

Mrs. Shultz joins in kind regards. Yours truly,

W. C. Shultz.

P.S. The money came all right.

Red Oak, Montgomery County, Iowa,
June 7, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

When I parted from Brother Cleland on the 31st of P
City I told him I might perhaps come on to this place
of stopping at Glenwood. I came on here not knowing what
was your intention to be here or the

I arrived here on the night of the 6th or 7th of June. I
did not know of any Presbyterians here before seeing Mr. W.
Rogers and wife.

I spent Saturday in finding out the Presbyterian element
and arranging for services here yesterday. I will also give
the result of my investigation. And the names of the Presby-
terians that are here.

Mr. Rogers & wife - Dr. Luther Robinson, Dr. Robinson
and wife, Dry goods; Mrs. Mollock, wife and a lady who lives
north; Mrs. Johnson, wife of a carpenter in town - will be
home this week. Mrs. Alexander, 12 miles west in the country.
I have not seen her yet; she is a sister of Mr. White whom I
saw yesterday. These are Old School Presbyterians. There is
Clair a young man lawyer, from Vinson, Iowa - United Presby-
terian we can count him. Mr. Elliott, carpenter, from New York
Presbyterian. These are all that I have met here.

There is a Mr. Evans now here from near Rock Island, Iowa.
has purchased a section of land 7 miles west and some property
in town--intends to move here shortly. His wife is a member of
his wife and two daughters are members also, making 4 partici-
pation. There was a Mr. Stafford here last week from Muscatine,
Iowa, a Presbyterian, I understand, and was looking at
this point to go into banking operations. I did not learn his
conclusion; heard he expected to be back soon.

This is about the Presbyterian element that I have found.
There are several congregationalists here and no regular ser-
vice. There is a Congregational minister here, but he does not
not preach any. I have just learned that the man who
keeps the hotel here is a member of the Congregational Church.
has been several years since he left the place he held his mem-
bership. He seems tho' like a clever man. I preached yester-
day morning in the Court House, and in the evening in the Metho-
dist Church. They have a nice little church building - the only
church building in the County. I had quite a good audience in
our church - nearly filled - gave close attention - later addressed
a more attentive audience.

The Methodists will not have service next Sabbath. It
was announced in the paper last week that you would preach here
next Sabbath; the service is announced to be in the Methodist
Church.

I will go to Sidney next Sabbath. You must be sure and
come here next Sabbath. I think an organization can be effor-
ed here at an early day. I am much pleased with matters here
and should it be the will of the Master I would like to labor
at this point in connection with some other. I have seen all

the members except two that I have named. I requested positively that Presbyterians would make themselves known to Mr. Rodgers, and a great many people have come in this season. Baptists have services once a month here. I might write more. This may help you.

Your Brother in Christ,
W. C. Wilson.

Helena, Montana, June 9, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 3d instant from Cheyenne came to hand yesterday. Glad to hear from you. We have a very season. Times are extremely dull and a feeling of general despondency prevails.

I handed Bishop Tuttle your card. He said he will be glad to greet you and hope you will send a man who will work persistently and earnestly in face of all opposition and here I may reiterate what I said to you in Chicago that it will be useless to send any other than a man of more than ordinary intellectual power and energy. Any other would fail to awaken an interest, and would receive no support. I believe there are in this place about 18 or 20 of the different Presbyterian Schools. Bishop Tuttle has only 10 communicants. I receive the Presbyterians regularly. My wife finds an organization of the Disciples here to which she will attach herself.

Hoping to hear from you, I am

Very respectfully yours,
W. C. Clark.

Denver, Colorado, June 10, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 5th is at hand. Names ministers -
Rev. A. R. Fay, M. S., Without charge, Denver, Colorado.
Rev. Campbell, M. S., Denver Colorado.
Rev. Albert T. Lyle, M. S., Black Hawk, Colorado.
Rev. F. P. Wells, M. S., Denver, Colorado.

I cannot give corporate names of Churches except our own,
1st Presbyterian Church, Denver,
1st " " " Black Hawk.

In the division between Old and New School here the Old School organized a church here and I believe there is an organization at Clear Creek. There was a New School Church organized at Central City some years ago. Whether anything remains of it I do not know.

Now that we virtually belong to one family (at which I greatly rejoice) we ought to have a Presbytery at once. Can you not aid in effecting this? With kind regards, W. P. Wells.

Yours-

Valmont, Colorado Territory,
June 15, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My Dear Brother:

Yours of the 5th instant is received and I reply, I. There are two Old School and one New School Church organizations in this Territory. One Old School in Denver to which I am preaching, one Old School here (Valmont, Boulder County, 20 miles north of Denver) to which Rev. A. F. Day ministers; one New School in Black Hawk with an excellent building to which a young man (whose name I cannot now recall) preaches "with great acceptance." The Rev. Mr. Jamison is a New School Minister who has been in the Territory a number of years but has not preached for some time. His present business is collecting and selling mineral and other curiosities found here. He has expressed a willingness recently to preach if he is properly supported and it is proposed to ask the Old School Board of Domestic Missions to furnish him a commission and support to preach in the southern part of the Territory. He is getting old but all who know him love him and he preaches pure gospel. Presbyterians who have heard him preach rejoice in the prospect of his again entering the ministry actively.

We have no Presbytery here. I am a member of the Presbytery of Allegheny City in Pennsylvania. Mr. Day is a member (I believe) of the Presbytery of Leavenworth where he formerly resided. We sadly need more men and more grace. The Territory is settling up not rapidly but surely and many who came here only to stay a while are now making homes. Our climate, as perhaps you know is delightful, and many men are "making money."

I suppose that you are a New School Presbyterian. Whether you are or not, I thank you for your letter and hope to see the day when Old and New shall sit eye to eye, heart to heart, work hand to hand and with singleness and sincerity of heart in the great "Field" - the world.

Again thanking you and wishing you all good things,

I remain your brother in a great work.

Charles W. Campbell.

Clarksburg, Iowa, June 14, 1869.

My Dear Brother Cleland:

Accept my thanks for writing me. I was here last fall for weeks devoted to Amity and "Pleasant Edge." In that time I have held 8 full services, 3 each Sabbath, and one each week in evening. I find 23 members of our church with 14 adherents in and around Amity. There are 11 members in Colquhoun at Pleasant Edge with as many adherents.

I take the names of members and adherents where we have no organizations. In those places I visit every family, nearly always with prayer, &c. I also get names of prominent members

as correspondents. I, as directed before starting, by Brother Elliott, always notify the people of my being but a candidate. I don't preach I deliver sermons. Clarinda is supplied by Bro. Westcott. He has been here now for two Sabbaths. He is busy fixing up his new house which he has purchased and so, he desires me to tell you has been delayed in writing you. Who is this Mr. Wilson, licentiate? Is it my friend Jesse Wilson of --- College, and Allegheny Seminary?

Please write me at New Oak. My present design is to leave, God willing, for Hawleyville and West Settlement tomorrow evening. Hold service there next Sabbath which will make the 4th Sabbath given to this county and two to Fremont--in all 6 Sabbaths. Brother Westcott's present engagement is for 6 months.

Now, my dear brother, one earnest word on behalf of this large county. It has been shamefully neglected; we have enough of struggling and almost disheartened members outside of Clarinda church by taking 14 - 15 from it, which it can spare and it would be better served in the county to make 50. Some go 15 miles there to church. We might get 10 or 12 for an organization at Page City, 8 miles from Clarinda, 23 at Amity, 12 miles from Clarinda. We have 11 at Pleasant Ridge 10 miles from Clarinda, and 8 or 10 at West's, 7 to 10 miles from Clarinda. West, south, southeast, and north east of Clarinda. Congregationalists and New Presbyterians at Amity, have swallowed about 20 or 30 Old School Presbyterians and they don't all rest easy on their turbulent stomachs. Amity and Pleasant Ridge all say we have neglected them. Many more things might be said. I have not seen West Settlement. In my judgment backed by theirs is this, that they want a first-class ordained minister to form and cherish these four churches. I believe from \$300 to \$500 a year might be raised by them towards support of him, and that Amity Church in a year or two would reach 60 or 75 members. An example at Pleasant Ridge-- a mother, thorough Old School Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopalians for want of our organization, and so on! Tell Brother Jackson of this. Ask 5 children to come and see. I told them I hoped for his coming and for a regular minister to labor hereabout as I have indicated. Shall I be satisfied? If you still have the \$100 on hand please send it, if consistent with order to my father--John F. Farley, Nebraska City, Nebraska. I'll direct its disposal.

Yours in Christ,

Alex. W. Farley.

Wilmington, Colorado, June 14, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

In reply to your kind questions I would answer we have two Old School Presbyterian Churches, Denver and Wilmington, and two New School, Denver and Black Hawk. Ministers, Rev. C. L. Campbell, D. S., and Rev. E. H. Wells, D. S. of Denver: Rev.

A. F. Lyle of Black Hawk and Rev. Lewis Hamilton of Central City, N. S., and your humble friend. There is a Cumberland Presbyterian at Canon City by the name of Moore.

I am a member of the Presbytery of Dane, Wisconsin.

The New School Church of Denver is a session from the Old School stealing and holding by force fund for our church building. The New School Board are keeping them up by giving \$1000 for the support of P. P. Wells. There is no need of but one church here. The principal question with me is this: have the Old School Board no better use for their money than to encourage these bad men in holding property that is clearly ours? We are waiting the tedious moving of a court that I fear is bribed.

We need a library here for our Sunday School of 75 volumes. We have all the old books of our Board hence want something up with the times.

The Rev. Lewis Hamilton, New School, of Central City, proposes to labor for us. He is a good man I think, but rather too heavy for this country. The Board have promised me \$800 more for Colorado if I find the man. If you know of a live young man let him correspond with me.

Thanking you for your kind word of sympathy and encouragement I remain

Affectionately yours,

A. F. Day.

P. S.

We can prove that the New School faction of Denver have confessed that they could not keep the church as theirs but they would keep us out of it for a while and I think they have bribed the judge to withhold his decision. - A. F. D.

Carter Station, Wyoming, June 14, 1869.

Dear Brother Cleland:

Tuesday.

I left Omaha last Wednesday evening and arrived at Corinne on Friday night. I intended to stop at Ogden, but before reaching that place I learned that Corinne was a place of much greater importance, and so I went on. Corinne is about two months old. Its population is about 1500. It is the largest gentile town in Utah, and the most important point perhaps this side of Laramie. No religious services had been held in it until last Sunday -- Mr. Foote the Episcopal Minister of Salt Lake City had come up and made an appointment for last Sunday and obtained a lot for a church building. He occupied the City Hall in the morning and evening, and I preached in the afternoon but had much better congregations than I had expected. Mr. Foote intends to hold service there every two weeks, and I thought best to promise to be there every two weeks also, for the present. I was sick on Saturday -- had a very high fever and could not go out or I would have canvassed the town. Yesterday I had another very hard chill, and was scarcely able to sit up

all day. There are a few--perhaps 5 or 10 Methodists there and a very few other christians. I cannot tell how many. I will go west at the end of the week and find out what religious situation there is there. I do not think there would be any difficulty about receiving a lot for a church building. A Congregational minister is coming, soon I was told. I will do all I can to secure our interest there. Cybur is a better town, and nothing can be done there at present. If it increases and gets to be in something may be done, of course I will watch its progress. Danings and Bryan are both small places, and I doubt very much about their ever rising to much importance, but I think I will preach in either one or both of them. I think the Episcopalian have already encouraged us to pay at all these points. I am now on my way to Fort Snelling. There is a Presbyterian minister, Mr. Leavitt, son of Ebenezer Leavitt of Cincinnati, Ohio. I want to see him and consult with him. It is possible I will arrange to stay with him, as he is mentioned in a very pleasant and healthy place.

I found that Ware's truck would cost me \$3.00 a hundred, and so left it with Mr. Jackson of my own company but without a truck might bring it. It is at Roland & Patrick's Storage Rooms, Omaha. Address me at Corinne, write soon.

Fraternally,

M. Hughes.

P.S. - At Corinne I met Prof. Sellow of Highland, Ontario, and Mrs. Hill--both Presbyterians. The Professor told me that he knew of several Presbyterians in his region and he was anxious to have me go up. They have never had any Presbyterian preaching. He promised that while up there my expenses would all be paid, and he also said he thought he could get me a pass from Wells, Fargo & Co. or their stage line. I told him that we would try to do something for them this summer. He says their country is rapidly developing. Helena is a town of eight or ten thousand inhabitants, and 4 churches, Episcopal, Campbellite and 2 Methodist - Write soon.

Sage City, Iowa, June 16, 1869.

Rev. T. M. Cleland,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir

Since returning home I have been seriously considering your suggestion in reference to Red Oak, and if it is not too late, would respectfully request to be sent there in preference to Nebraska. The latter field as I learned from Messrs. Roberts and Elliott is not very important, and being somewhat extended will require me to get a horse and equipage for the short time I shall be there. At Red Oak I can have a more central location as well as an important one, which I can reach without trouble or expense, and also procure board for myself and wife at more reasonable rates than in Nebraska; and if a house is

required I can procure one without being compelled to purchase .
Will you please let me know at once whether the change can be
made? With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Cleland,

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,
James Wilson.

James Wilson,
Page City, Page County,
Iowa.

Osceola, Iowa, June 16, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 12th is before me. I will communicate with brother Tappan with reference to writing to the Presbyterian. It is likely he has done so ere this, but if he has not I will contrive some means of reaching the end designed. I sent you this morning a copy of the North Western Presbyterian containing my communication. On my return from Afton on Monday I fell in with a gentleman who is about taking up his abode in Corning, Adams County, who is recently from Warsaw, New York, a brother-in-law of the Rev. J. W. Nassau. He wishes you to call on him. Inquire for George Washington Frank. He seems deeply interested in the Presbyterian Church and says that he is in a position to secure advantages to us in all new towns along the P. & N. P.R. Mr. Wallace, who recently visited Decatur County, has left; his object (he informed my wife) was to find a place to plant a colony in that he did not succeed. So that field is vacant still. When would it be convenient for you to visit Afton? I have agreed to remain there till my commission expires- i.e. 3 months. By that time I hope they will have a house of worship and be in a condition to get a good man.

I hope your family have arrived in safety and that you may be greatly blessed in your self-denying work.

Yours in the gospel,
J. Osmond.

Punks Mills, Iowa, June 17, 1869.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

(Omitting all compliments), you no doubt will remember seeing me at Osceola Presbytery where I got your address and had conversation with you in relation to your visiting Leon, Decatur City and Grand River, with the view of bringing us a man to preach for us. All the people at the above places are anxiously looking for you, although most of the members are not very flush of means, yet are willing to do all they can to get a preacher in our midst, and as there is some Presbyterian element around these places, I think an acceptable minister would soon build up

respectable congregations. The supply that Presbytery granted us have not and are not very likely to fulfill their appointments, the distance being too far.

Mr. Blair, the Elder who was at Presbytery from Leon is still looking for you and wished me to write to you. You will please answer at your earliest convenience so that we may know what to depend upon. Direct to me at Funks Mills, Decatur County, Iowa.

May God bless you and yours together with the enterprise that you are laboring in is the prayer of

Your unworthy Brother,
Yours' in Christ,
John Wiker.

Prepont, Nebraska, June 17, 1860.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I arrived here yesterday from the west and knowing that you are anxious to know of the prospects of my field I will report as far as I have gone.

I find the field at Grand Island, though small, very encouraging. There are four or five Presbyterians there -- Mr. Mitchell is an Elder from the Presbyterian Church at Omaha.

I think our Church has more reason to expect aid and sympathy from those outside than any other denomination. The Presbyterians as a matter of course were highly pleased to know that the Church wished to assist them and quite a number outside expressed a desire that we might occupy the field and build a place of worship; the only room used for that purpose now being a small school house 15 x 20 poorly seated. A church is the great want of the place at the present time as the people can not assemble in the school house. I am not prepared to say that we ought to organize in July but would like to have you there at that time as the lots for a church can be selected, two being donated for that purpose. I will give you full particulars when we meet.

I visited Columbus on my way down, but being quite unwell I did not make a general visitation but ascertained who were Presbyterians. There are three who have united with the Congregational church which numbers 17 members. There are two ladies in the village who have not taken their letters from the Presbyterian Church at the East; one of them is a permanent resident and is anxious to have a Presbyterian church. I also learned a Presbyterian family out in the country some three miles, will go out and see them next time I am there.

Mr. Chase was very kind but thinks it wrong in our church to try to organize now when there are so few Christians in the place; but I decided to leave an appointment and consult with you in regard to the future.

Brother Galpin wishes me to say to you that two lots and one thousand dollars can be secured here for a church if you

can succeed in obtaining three thousand. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Yours &c.,
J. N. Hutchinson.

216 Madison Avenue, New York, June 22, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed letter of 12th instant was received just before you called here on Friday last. I regret very much I was not at home to see you. I am glad to perceive that you are so well engaged and with encouraging prospects in your new field. May God speed you in all your efforts to promote the cause of our Master in the destitute region in which you are operating. I enclose my check (On Union Bank to your order, for three hundred dollars--please acknowledge receipt), as requested, to help along. I had several pleasant interviews with Mr. Lyon while he was here. I suppose he is now on his way to St. Pauls.

I remain yours truly,
W. K. Corning.

Near Hawleyville, Page County, Iowa,
June 28, 1869.

Rev. and Dear Brother Jackson:

I wrote you several weeks ago for counsel, &c. I heard from Brother Cleland in answer. I look for word from you at Red Oak. I have now been out 6 weeks. I have ridden near 400 miles. I deliver 3 sermons each Sabbath. I addressed Sunday School as opportunity offers. Also public schools. I have held 3 prayer meetings with exhortation. I hold family worship or pray with families as I call or stay all night. Speak a word for Jesus to persons at their homes or by the way as God opens the way, &c. My custom is to come into a neighborhood where we have Old School Presbyterians visit, then--take dinner with one, stay all night with another, or if too many call as judiciously as I can. I ride from 50 to near 100 miles per week. I have used only 4 sermons thus far besides my "Who is He" &c. my "C. S. speeches" &c. You have no doubt heard of the M. E. preacher who went from Baltimore to St. Louis on one sermon. I meet with the most hospitable reception. I have only spent \$3.00 for travelling though my "outfit" cost about \$150. I have received \$17.25 so far from the churches. I ask them for nothing. \$5.50 was received for last Sabbath's work "West Settlement", all this last apparently by private gift! I find the members thus: At Mansburgh 13; Venti 9; Clarinda a church; Amity 23. Pleasant Ridge 10; West's Settlement from 15 to 20; this last is in Taylor and Adams Counties, and Hawleyville in

page about 7. At Hamburg, Fremont County address Miss Lucy M. Austin. At Marti, same county, Mr. Martin Galt. In Page County for Amity or Pleasant Ridge address Mr. Nathan Axtell, Elder, at Tradlyville, a Mr. Kelly for Pleasant Ridge at Clarinda. For Hawleyville Mr. John McLean, Elder in Clarinda Church--at Hawleyville or Clarinda. For West's Settlement Mr. John Brown or Alton turning; at East Nodaway P. O. Adams County. I am keeping notes of my work. I do not know to write you as I should. I send a monthly report to our Nebraska City Church Session. I hope to have been around again at Hamburg the second time by this date but I have Hawleyville and 2 counties yet to visit. Brother McKhenney organizes West's next Sabbath morning. Hawleyville is 7 miles from there.

My heart saddens when I view the destitution of and the hunger for a pure Gospel (O.S.Pres.). I feel also almost angry at the miserable course of our church to this western land. I promise largely for you and the Presbyteries present intentions. I wish you could get a man for West Settlement or soon to be Nodaway on the rail road bet'n Valisua & Hawleyville. A man for Amity, Page City and Pleasant Ridge. A man for Fremont country outside of Sidney. A man for Red Oak, Montgomery. Don't for the sake of common sense and religious advancement send us any slow-pokey and sermon-reading ministerial failures. Give us men! If I speak or write amiss forgive. Please write me at Red Oak.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Alex. M. Darley.

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Fryax, Wyoming Territory, June 24, 1869.

Dear Brother Ireland:

I came down here this evening. Find that I cannot do much here now. South Ross is the principal town in this region. It is about 90 miles away. The coach goes tomorrow and I will go and preach there on Sunday. I can likely accomplish more there than here--I will come back next week - will stop here and hold service if practicable. I will need more money. Can you not get me \$50 and send it to Corinne Expenses here are terrible. I want to make the most of my time, going to the next important places, and it takes money. Wilson and Norton have a bank at Corinne--I might get the money through them--Write and address us at Corinne. I will be there D.V. one week from next day. I might have written this to Mr. Jackson, but perhaps he is not at home. When is he coming out?

Yours fraternally,
W. H. Hines.

Fort Bridger, Wyoming Ter. June 28, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My Dear Brother:

Last Sunday I preached at Corinne in the City Hall. In the morning the congregation was small, but in the evening the benches were all full. The benches were borrowed from a gaming hall, and had to be returned in time for the evening game of keno. I found two members of the Presbyterian church--a gentleman who runs a saw-mill and his wife. Also I found two other gentlemen and one lady who were brought up in Presbyterian families, and will do all they can to help us. One of them is one of the principal merchants of the place. He gave me ten dollars, and promised to assist me all he could. He was much pleased at my coming. I found two or three Baptists, one congregationalist, and several Methodists; more belong to the Episcopal church than to any other, for many of the citizens of Corinne came from Salt Lake City, where those who were christians were connected with the Episcopal Church. There are a good many families in the town. I visited some of them. Intended to visit all but found that impracticable as there are a good many houses of bad character and I think it best to keep out of them, but it is impossible to tell the character of a family without visiting it. I hope to find more Presbyterians when I visit the place again. I think a church may soon be organized there if the town prospers. General Williamson promised me that he would give us a lot for a church building. Lumber can be had for this purpose I think for 5 cents a foot, and the cost of putting up a temporary building that would answer for the present would be five or six hundred dollars. The Episcopalians intend to put up a building soon. It is still somewhat doubtful whether the town will be permanent. It will very likely continue to be a town, but if it does not happen to be made the junction of the P.R. & N.P. it will not be an important town. At present business is very dull. People are waiting for the question to be decided. I do not think a church should be built until this matter is settled, as the City Hall can be had, but I wish that money could be had to put up a building just as soon as we can tell what will be needed. At present Corinne is the only town of any importance between Laramie and Cheyenne. Ogden is a small place - almost entirely a Moravian town; nothing can be done there at present. Bryan has gone down. I intend to go there however and preach next Sunday if the way be open. It is likely to be a permanent, little town. Rawlins is so far away that unless I get a pass on the road I can not visit it. The expense of travelling is so great. Living is very expensive. I cannot get board for less than \$12 a week. I will need a little more money soon. I intend to let the people to whom I preach assist in paying my expenses. Echo City is a place of four or five hundred inhabitants between here and Corinne. I will look after it. Write to me and give me all the advice you can. I am much discouraged someyimes. These western towns are terribly wicked

places. Address me at Corinne, Utah. I may not remain here.
 Fraternally,
 Hughes.

 Cincinnati, Ohio, June 29, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have delayed writing until now that I might have news of interest to you.

I have commenced my work. Having tried different plans or means to get the money immediately and failed I have commenced working in the good old way.

Well my brother we must have the money before we can do anything at Omaha, so I have determined to take no rest nor give God none till we get it. What has been done at Omaha must stand till we get the money to build. I find the difficulty of which you spoke viz, the giving people are generally gone from the city.

The churches here promise to do a good thing for us about September. The pastors of the 1st and Central churches are especially interested and do all they can to get a general movement in our behalf about the 1st of September.

Doctors Wilson and Nicolls of St. Louis have given me letters endorsing Presbytery and recommending the cause to the giving people. We have decided to leave the field until the Pastors and people who have gone, or are about to go, return. I will make my headquarters here and canvass other fields of less importance. Dr. W. M. Montfort will give me a notice in this week's paper. He says as the church has left church extension to Drs. Wilson and Nicolls, and as they have given me letters that I have the way open to go and collect money any where, but he does not say much in his notice. The ministers as far as I have heard their opinions think Omaha a special field. I preached twice last Sabbath for Brother Tompson but said nothing about Omaha. I will get another hearing in due time. I will make my home at Brother Tompson's while I remain here, or in this region.

We are certain of the money in time, but God alone knows when; we must work and wait. The Board will do all they can--perhaps \$1500.

Dr. Nicolls said they had given \$1500 and that he would do all he could for Omaha. But what we ask for must be before Re-union. They wish to give to our church what is in the treasury. Address me Cincinnati, in care of Rev. C. S. Tompson.

Yours in Christ,
 M. V. Van Arsdale.

Fremont, Nebraska, June 29, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I this morning write you a line to inform you that the Committee appointed to secure lots for a church building is anxious to have you come up as soon as convenient that they may consult with you as to the time of building, and other matters.

I gave you a partial account of my field a short time since and I hope to see you soon that we may talk the matter over now as I know more of the work at the different points. If you cannot come up to Fremont I will come over to Council Bluffs if you think it better to do so.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Your brother in Christ,
S. W. Hutchinson.

Bedford, Iowa, June 30, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,

I was sorry that you could not meet me at Godaway. I am very anxious to see you, to confer with you on special missionary matters. I am anxious that a good active energetic man be stationed at Godaway to take care of the new organization, and missionate-(if you understand that word), along the N. & M. R.R. to Corning at least, and down the East Godaway to Hawleyville. This would make a convenient and very important field for the right kind of a man.

I desire also to see you concerning Taylor County--- I suppose I shall leave it. It is an interesting field, but will need some special presbyterial care.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Darley at Hawleyville; was pleased with his zeal and energy. I hope he is doing great good, though I am very sorry he is not colporteur for our B.M.F. instead of flying circuit-rider, or ecclesiastical guerilla. I am sure he would be an efficient Colporteur and our cause needs his services in that capacity more than in his present work; or I am no judge of the case.

In all kindness to him I think his opinion must be received with some allowance. He is too sanguine, and to my certain knowledge over-estimates our prospects at Hawleyville. This is confidential and may be of use to you, if you wish to make an use of information he may collect. In all other respects I cannot speak too well of him. He is indeed a young man of great promise.

When can you meet me at Godaway? I'll be there again the 4th Sabbath of July.

Yours truly,

S. A. McElhinny.

P.S.-How could I forget to make grateful acknowledgment of the \$5 you sent to Mrs. McElhinny! Return our thanks to the benevolent donor.

Carter Station, Wyoming Territory,
June 30, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I have just been to the Sweetwater mines. They are 90 miles distant from Bryan. Fare \$20. For me it was reduced to \$15. The stage goes over the road in 14 hours. There were three mining camps. South Pass City, with a population of eight or nine hundred; Atlantic, four miles from South Pass, population seven or eight hundred, and Miners' Delight, 4 miles further on, a small settlement, where there are 3 or 4 families. I stopped at South Pass and found it the most interesting and promising place I have yet visited. It is growing very rapidly. A great many buildings are being erected and it seems likely to be quite an important place. Last August a Catholic Priest held service there and that was the only religious service that had ever been held there before my arrival. I preached in the Court House and had a good attendance and excellent attention. The people seemed glad that I had come. I found several Christians, 5 or 6 Episcopalians, and 3 or 4 Methodists, one or two Baptists, and two or three Presbyterians. On Monday I visited Atlantic. It is a very promising town, nearly equal to South Pass. A Congregational minister, Mr. Cook, came there a little more than a week ago, he intends to remain. He held service for the first time in Atlantic on last Sunday; established a Sunday School and Prayer meeting. He intended to preach in South Pass until he found that I had made an appointment there. His plan is to hold services regularly in South Pass and Atlantic, and perhaps at Miner's Delight. I called on him but he happened to be absent and I did not see him. I was told that there were about half a dozen Christians in Atlantic—none of them Congregationalists.

An Episcopal Minister Rev. Mr. Cook of Cheyenne, intends to visit South Pass shortly. Two lots have been reserved for an Episcopal church in that place. I expect that they will soon put up a building and form an organization, and have a minister there. I think we ought to have a man there immediately. If we had I think we might soon have a church organized and a building erected. A lot would be given us, and pine logs for a building would also be given, and some money could be raised so that it could easily be accomplished if we only had an organization, or if we had a minister there to hold regular services. Very soon others will occupy the ground. From this time on I expect that services will be held there every Sabbath regularly by other ministers. I would like to have stayed, but I had an appointment at Corinne for next Sunday. I promised to go back in a few weeks if possible, but it is so far away that I can not take charge of it. Some one should be there. Can you not come out? I wish you could visit the place, and I do wish that you could supply it with a minister for a few weeks at least. If you do not it will certainly be lost to us. Rev. Mr. Erskine of the North Western Presbyterian is expected there in a few days on a visit. He will doubtless on the first

or second Sabbath of July. I hope that you will be able to see him on his way back. From him you can learn the condition and prospects of the place. The mines are turning out well. A few mills are in operation. Several more are being erected, and several more are on their way out. Last evening I met Mr. Hungerford at Bryan. He is a gentleman, and will give me some assistance. I hope that I may get a pass over his Division. I am now on my way to Fort Bridger. I expect to be at Corinne next Sunday. Write to me at that place---Corinne; tell me when you are coming out and what you can do for South Pass.

Fraternally,
A. Hughes.

New Haven, Connecticut, June 30, 1869.

Rev. John L. Gage,

Respected Sir:

Since leaving my home in New York I received a letter from Rev. S. Jackson that he had engaged you to be my Missionary for the summer from the vacation of College--- the object of our sending out these missionaries was twofold, first to endeavor to benefit the souls of the people to whom they were sent, and secondly to aid the student in finishing his studies. We were told the people would furnish their living. In Sheldon Jackson's letter wishing me to send another installment saying the living was very expensive---\$75 or \$80 per month; that is much more than I am paying here where the town is crowded with strangers owing to the commencement of Yale College; but that part of it as far as we understood it, we and the student missionaries were to have nothing to do.

Will you therefore please excuse these hasty lines and let me know if you have finished your course of study, or still a student and of what Theo. Seminary and what are your arrangements with Rev. Sheldon Jackson. I feel at liberty to ask these questions as we were to correspond with our own missionaries and pay them ourselves by his advice. No objections to Mr. Jackson to see these lines if you wish. Want of time prevents my writing to him.

Please direct if you write that it reaches me within ten days, 120 High Street, New Haven, Connecticut; or after that to my son's office, 142 Broadway, New York, A. C. Brown, for Mrs. A. C. Brown, and you will oblige your sincere friend. May the blessing of our glorious Master be with you in all your efforts to promote his cause, is and shall be my prayer.

A. C. Brown.

Brother Jackson: I send you this---Please write to Mrs. Brown. I do not feel very well to-day. I hope you will be here Friday. I send you my reply to Mrs. Brown. You can add what you like. If I have not written the right thing return the letter to me. One of the parties who petitions for an organization keeps a bar---What am I to do? If Mr. J. is away will Mrs. Jackson please send Mrs. Brown's letter on. It is a good joke on some body. J. L. Gage.

Davenport, Iowa, July 1, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I will not go further West now. I am afraid of interference. I have confidence in your judgment and if you encourage me respecting Fremont I shall think favorably of an early emigration to that point.

I would for Mrs. Elliott's satisfaction answer the following inquiries:

- 1st. How many inhabitants in Fremont?
- 2nd. What is the character of the people?
- 3rd. How many "Presbyterians?"
- 4th. When will the church building be completed?
- 5th. How much salary and how got?
- 6th. Could a house be obtained this fall?
- 7th. How are the rates of living compared with --

Any other information will be gladly received. I think very favorably of the undertaking. You can refer to Gage, Reed, Hughes, or any other member of Dougal Presbytery for information respecting me.

Yours in the Gospel,
John Elliott.

My Postoffice is
Gap, Lane Co., Pennsylvania.

49 West 11th Street, New York, July 1/69.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Mr. McCormick has just handed me the enclosed. He was not able to secure a free pass as the press is so great that they are compelled to decline. I urged him to try again and he promised he would.

Yours truly,
W. M. Paxton.

Corinne, Utah, July 5, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Inclosed find receipt for fifty dollars which brother Cleland had the kindness to send me. Hereafter my expenses will not be so great as they have been, as I will not have so much travelling to do. I have finally settled down here. I believe that I can live here cheaper than at many other points. I want to have a church built here as soon as possible. I wish you would tell me how to have the deed for a building lot made out. Tell me how much help you can get us. The Episcopalians are about to put up a building which will cost about \$800.

They expect it to be completed in two or three weeks. I am advised to wait until something is done at it, before asking the people to subscribe for another church. Brother Cleland tells me that you will likely be out here in two or three weeks I will be glad to see you. I am anxious to know about South Pass: something should be done there at once I think.

Fraternally yours,
M. Hughes.

Write immediately, unless you have already written---address Corinne.

Treasure City, Nevada, July 6, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your kind favour of June 15th only received yesterday---why so long I cannot tell.

Its contents give me much pleasure. The work opens so largely and so many demands in Nevada and California it gave and gives me much satisfaction to know of your operations along the U.S.P. as far as Promontory Point. God bless the labors of your agents. Take by all means all of Utah Territory examining with some care and have written thereof, the idea of having a Missionary in Salt Lake City. Quite a large Gentile population is there. Have that matter before you and when time permits look into it. If you can do anything for Idaho by all means do it. I can give it no attention or assistance for some time to come. If you are able let me know in the mean time. I examined Elko & Costen--20 miles apart on the Central Road, Humboldt

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Corinne, Utah, July 7, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your kind note was very gratefully received. I am glad you are coming out this way so soon. Perhaps I can meet you on the 20th or 21st at Bryan. If not I will see you at this place, but I think I will be at Bryan. Make your arrangements to go to South Pass City by all means. I hope you will arrive there Sunday the 25th. If you will agree to I will write and have notice given. Kind regards to Brother Cleland.

Fraternally,
M. Hughes.

Glenwood, Iowa, July 7, 1869.

My Dear Brother Cleland:

I am here to hold service next Sabbath. I held service in Red Oak last Sabbath, to congregations of 175 - 100 - and over 200 - equal to house overflowing. Dr. Eakin informs me that Presbytery appointed you to supply Glenwood. Its 2 months since Presbytery. You have not been here yet; shall

I have the pleasure next Sabbath of giving out an early appointment for you?

I found from 5 to 10 more Presbyterians and adherents than Brother Jackson knew of when he left Red Oak. You can with safety number the church there at 30. They are eager for a pastor and all who speak of it both professors and nonprofessors speak of their desire for and confidence in an energetic man, and the members hope for an edifice in twelve months; we save the flock, now give us a vigilant shepherd. I have furnished Brother Rodgers with a list of members. I do wish so much that I could see yourself or Brother Jackson. I have now been eight weeks out. I hope to reach home at Nebraska City in three or four weeks. I will be then prepared to give you or him presbytery a full and detailed account of the fields, &c. If you have advice or direction of labor to give me please write me. I feel kind of lost, though I have been working hard and am happy in my labors. My only unhappiness being the effeminate manner in Old School Presbyterianism has been working in the county over which I have travelled. I feel bad because I love my church above every church and consider her to be possessed of loftier and nobler potential energy than any other, while her fruits here are what crab apples are to the full and rounded fruit of cultivated orchards. Oh! my dear Brother, it is enough to both enrage and sadden a lover of Jesus to see the needless destitution. Brother Jackson ought to come to Glenwood and Mills County as well as to Red Oak. Give us pastors is the cry of the people, and the Lord has promised them. Where are they?

Yours in our common, but a humble
work,
Alex. M. Darley.

Tecumseh, Johnson County, Nebraska,
July 7, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Your note received last night --- will make arrangement to meet you at Nebraska City at the place and time specified. Preached last Sabbath at Full City and Salem. You will visit these places I suppose while in this region. By dropping a note to Mr. F. C. Cooley, Full City, arrangements will be made for you in way of appointments. I mention this now so that if you should be there the Sabbath after you are here appointments can be made in time. Next Sabbath is my day for preaching at Tecumseh -- will endeavor to have all the brethren on hand for the organization -- will expect you of course to preach on that day.

Yours truly,
Alex. C. Peck.

Mission House, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia,
Pa., July 7, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

At the annual meeting of the Board held on the 15th ultimo, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

"Resolved - That the appointment of District Missionaries within the bounds of many of the Synods is unnecessary and would involve a greater amount of expense than the limited resources of the Board will justify.

"Resolved, That if in the judgment of the Executive Committee it should be deemed expedient to appoint a few such missionaries in the frontier Western States and Territories, such appointments would meet with the approval of the Board; these arrangements, however, should be made temporarily, in view of changes which may be necessary if the two branches of the Church are united."

At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee, I was authorized to offer you the appointment of District Missionary for Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming at a salary of \$1500 without traveling expenses. This comprises in the judgment of the Committee a field sufficiently large for any one District Missionary. The Committee also instructed me to say that if you accept this proffered appointment, it must be with the distinct understanding that you will not engage in or countenance the raising and disbursing of missionary funds outside of the Board and that you will be governed in your recommendations of new appointments by the existing financial condition of the Board, of which you will be from time to time advised. The Committee will expect you to be judicious in the selection of places for the establishment of new missions, having regard to population, their ability to aid in the support of the missionaries and the probability of their becoming self sustaining within a reasonable time.

Please reply at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes,

Fraternally yours,

G. W. Musgrave,

per A.

Springfield, Ohio, July 8, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir

I have read the "Chicago letter" in the Presbyter of June 30, with a good deal of interest, and approve of all Robt. Patterson says in regard to the importance of the work in which you are engaged and the necessity of your establishing immediately missionaries at the twelve important points you

have mapped on the Pacific Railroad. I trust you may surmount all the obstacles in the way of your speedily realizing all you desire in the undertaking, and that you may not only find the men suitable for the work, but that the friends of Christ will come forward with the money, and in amounts sufficient to build houses of worship at all important points. You and your work have my prayers and with God's help I shall try to forward you twenty-five dollars for each of the twelve points selected by you as important ones which you will use either in the purchase of lots or in building. Enclosed is Draft on Continental Bank of New York, No. 30899, for One Hundred Dollars; as you progress with your work you can draw on me; or which would be better write me and I will forward you New York draft which I can obtain here without paying any premium.

Yours very truly,
W. Steele.

Gettysburg, Adams County, Pa., July 9/69.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir

Seeing your communication of May 29th in the Presbyterian my wife and myself have concluded to make you the following statement and proposition. We and all our relatives are and have been Presbyterians for generations back and feel an interest in the progress and extension of that Church. My wife has 160 acres of land in Audubon County, Iowa, near the line of Rail Road from Des Moines to Council Bluffs, No. of Land Warrant 79080 executed to Elizabeth Agnew, located in the name of Harriet M. Paxton (my wife) Township No. 81 Range No. 34 west upon the South 1/2 of South East 1/4 and S 1/2 of S.W. quarter of section No. 28. My nephew, W. Frank Paxton, Minister in the M. E. Church, on the occasion of a visit to us some two months ago after examining the location of this land, said it was worth now \$10 per acre, and would be worth \$20 if there was any kind of improvement upon it. He has been living in Iowa for several years. The proposition we wish to make you is this: "If you sell the land for us at \$10 per acre we will give you \$100 out of it for Church Extension purposes. The land is finely located and will be very valuable without doubt, in a few years. Will you please answer this at your earliest convenience and give us your views upon the subject. This land being in the third county from capital and so near an important Railroad, certainly ought to bring the price named.

Very respectfully yours,
R. S. Paxton.

St. Louis, Mo., July 9, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My Dear Brother:

On my return I find your letter of the 26th ultimo and have seen yours to Brother Nicolls. I am so completely overwhelmed with work this morning (having just had a meeting of the Board which has cut out work for me, that must be done to-day) that I can not reply to your letter as fully as I could desire. 1st, the Board instruct me to say, that they can in no case lend money and that they have no special contribution, from which they can make an appropriation to meet an extraordinary case. 2nd, they will do all they can in consistency with their rules and in justice to those churches whose applications are regularly before us, with the endorsement of Presbytery, to aid in the plans you propose. Our liabilities now, are not less than \$60,000 in advance of our available funds. 3rd, I fully appreciate the importance of securing and occupying the ground along the line of the Pacific Mail Road. If we can secure the cooperation of the other Boards and secure a free pass (as other denominations have done) I am decidedly in favor of such an excursion and preaching tour as you propose. The sooner it can be accomplished the better, so as to secure from the R.R. Company suitable lots for church buildings, on some of which at least we may be able to put up ecclesiastical buildings this year. I have just received a letter from Dr. H. A. True, a pious and liberal man at Marion, Ohio, who has a son in Colorado, making enquiry and suggestions in relation to the establishment of a good school or college in which he is willing to engage. He wants to know the best place for locating such an institution. Suppose you write him on the subject. 4th, my duties here are such, that I can not at this time run up to see you. I have Grace Church in this city on my hands, in addition to all my other work. The Freedmen's Committee are pressing us hard for funds to build churches in the South this summer, and applications are pouring in upon us from all quarters, while our Treasury is nearly empty. Brother Van Arsdale has been here boring us for Omaha and has come to Cincinnati. Skinner is down upon us for a large sum for Africa. So it goes. Can you not strike a gold mine somewhere on your route? I can add no more at present. I did not get to bed last night until after 2 o'clock, this morning. Brother Cowan has left the city for the summer and Brother Nicolls goes next week.

Yours fraternally,
W. S. Wilson.

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New Percees Mission,

July 11, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I send you \$2.00 for your reliable paper one year. I write in great weakness upon this bed of severe sickness for over 5

months, perhaps of death. Some symptoms resemble but many not. The will of the dear Saviour be done. If he has more work for me in this great field of over 480 miles, including Five Tribes where the harvest is ripe, he can raise me up: if not his holy will be done. Jesus by his word in the native language and by the power of the Holy Ghost has wrought a wonderful work among these Nez Percés and Spokane tribes. When I returned to this my old field in November 1871, God was working in the hearts of the Nez Percés through his word. I had translated and printed in 1845. I at once announced meetings-- 3 meetings a day - God in great mercy brought in the church in the short space of 15 months over 600 (six hundred) hopefully converted. A Neotomanian call then came from Spokane tribe 200 with it. I went with my native helpers -- during 3 tours over 250 adults 131 children were brought in - only last week 11 adults and 4 infants came to my sick bed and received baptism and were admitted into church. Bless the Lord Oh my soul. Three of these were Spokanes, an old white-headed chief from 280 miles. These three returned with my deacons who have a preaching tour to that tribe and report 40 conversions. My dear brother Cowley and 5 native helpers have gone to labor there, and may God work a great work.

I came to this country in 1856 with Dr. Whitman. We were the first to cross the Rocky Mountains and the continent. This demonstrated the question that families, cows and wagons could cross saved the country. Gov. Evans in his history says "Oregon was saved by two women engaged in the soul-saving mission to the Indians of the Northwest."

Your brother nigh unto death,

W. P. Spalding,

There are now _____ deaths and executions, including 15 members of former years 941 members in the Indian church.

County

Christiania Lane, Colorado, July 12, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear brother:

I duly received your very interesting letter of 12th ult. addressed to our Sabbath school at Bellevue and write this in the name of our dear children to thank you for remembering us thirteen hundred miles away. The children were delighted with your letter and quickly answered the questions you propounded -- and I know if they were aware how pressing and onerous the vast duties devolving upon you were, they would feel doubly grateful that you could find time to turn aside to remember them in such a good long letter.

We will not forget your injunction to pray that from our school may be raised up missionaries who may be sent forth by God to do much good -- and we hope the little pittance we sent

in aid of some needy Sabbath school in the West may be the forerunner of means and instruments to follow, and we do as you desire pray for a blessing upon you and upon your work, and that God may have you in his holy keeping -- and preserve and guide you and keep you faithful to the end will be I know the fervent and ardent prayer of the Bellevue Sabbath School as it is of

Your Brother in Christ,
Jacob T. Gest.

Lancaster, Pa., July 12, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I am really sorry that I have not a much larger sum to remit. I feel disappointed in not having collected more, but our people have been subscribing liberally to the Mission Chapel which is about being erected in the southern part of the city. They have been greatly encouraged with their Sabbath School which is held in a hose house, that they thought it expedient to erect a Chapel, and they have also recently given to a church in New Jersey. I hope the \$20 will be acceptable. Sister has contributed \$5. - Mr. Howard \$2. - Mrs. Robinson \$1. Mr. Sara \$2. and I the remainder. I am pleased to hear accounts of your labours and success. It is a great work! The vineyard is large - the time short, and many souls to be saved. Many discouragements, but many great and precious promises to cheer and comfort us. The Lord pour upon you and your fellow laborers his choicest blessings, and give you many souls is the prayer of

Your friend and sister in Christ,
Anna W. Dale.

St. Louis, Missouri, July 12, 1869.

My dear Brother Jackson:

I wrote to you last week and this morning received yours of the 9th asking for the promise of \$1000 for a Chapel at Corinne. Our Board positively refuse to make any pledges before hand. Their action must be founded upon information, such as they have not, in this case. Perhaps when I go out there and view the ground, I may be able to make such a statement as will induce them to go to the extent of their means. In your last letter (before the present) you speak of the proposed expedition starting by the 15th proximo. I have this day received a letter from R. Patterson on behalf of the Chicago Presbyterian Old and New School proposing that this expedition start some time in September. In my judgment that would be too late. Brother Nicolls - Warner and Cowans and Smith - four of our Pastors, start tomorrow for their summer recreation - to be

absent until September. None but Brother McCook and I left to do treble service this hot weather. I will have to run up to Minnesota for a few days, but will hold myself in readiness to start west so soon as the time is fixed.

In haste,

Yours fraternally,
F. K. Wilson.

Chicago, Ill., July 13, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

To-day we send you the plans, section and elevations of your Church Edifice. We could not get the specifications completed in time to send, but we thought as you were going to Cheyenne you would be pleased to take along the general plans. You will please send them back to us, so that we can complete the specifications and details, and then we will attend to ordering anything made here you may wish. We are confident that if the Church is completed according to the spirit of the design it will be a little model. We are going to have it published in our Architectural work - we like it so much.

Please return them soon. Yours,

Cochrane & Biquenard,
Architects.

Mission House, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia,
Pa. - July 13, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Care Rev. John A. Hagg,

Dear Brother:

As you did not mention the amount which is desired to be appropriated towards the support of a missionary in Montana, the Committee was not able to give a definite reply to your inquiry. If you will let us know how much would be required from the Board the Committee can then say whether it would be able to make the appointment. We do not know at present of any one who would be willing to go there.

The other matter contained in your letter was brought to the attention of the Board yesterday, and you will see their action reported in the Presbyterian. Being about to leave the City for a short time, and having a great deal to do, I am unable to write more.

With kind regards,
Fraternally Yours,
C. W. Hasgrave.

P.S. I wrote you an important letter)
last week and directed it to Council)
Bluffs. Has it reached you?)

Map, Lancaster (Pa.), Pennsylvania,
July 14, 1869.

Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:

I received a letter from you last evening and also one from Brother Hayes. You say Hayes speaks of two places - consider the one you mention as the best. This is rather what perplexing, but I will make this proposal - You say on me N.Y. to fill one of those places that you have just spoken of in the fall. I will leave next in October and will reach you in November and later during the winter in any place where the way may be open. After some experience of this kind I can then determine where the spirit would have me go. I have not forgotten my introduction to you through Sister Fessie - God bless the dear child. Out of the mouths of babes we hear. I feel as if the call to that field was clear. I will leave my family here until next spring. My wife and son is ready to work at any of these points at our disbursements on my account. Do not hold any field for me unless you feel called of God to do so. I will join you in the fall and you can assign me a place in the ranks then. In this I am willing to wait for you.

Love to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Your brother in Christ,

John H. Baird.

Brownsville, Nebraska, July 14, 1869.

Mr. T. E. Clark,
Dear Sir:

Mr. A. S. Waller has written to me inquiring in reference to your church. He is just out of the Seminary and would like to locate at the West. He is acquainted with Rev. H. J. Hart formerly of our Presbytery.

If you have not already secured a minister perhaps it would be for the interest of your church to correspond with him.

His address is Rev. A. S. Waller, Woodstown, Ocean County, New Jersey.

Please give my regards to his family and accept for yourself assurances of personal regards.

Yours respectfully,

John H. Baird.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Friday, July 16, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Brother McChaid to whom you wrote respecting Sweet Water Mines has just arrived. The North Western was delayed three hours or he would have joined you at Fremont to-day. Now that he has missed you he hesitates about going forward alone. And

since you have some doubts as to his finances, I advised him to simply believe a couple of "barns" until he can hear definitely from you respecting his coming out. He expressed a willingness to go out if his expenses are paid from "barns" and canvass the field.

I think if the field demands his right away and evidently that he would go. He intimated that he might be compelled to return in the fall to attend to his father's estate in Pennsylvania. I cannot say that I am very favorably impressed with him, and yet have no reason to doubt his piety, ability or assiduity. He expresses hesitation about his finances, but wants to go where Providence directs. If a man is immediately and imperatively needed I think you would be justified in writing him to come immediately. But if you had time and a number to select from you might use some one else. If you write for him to come he will need more money than he has.

In this matter I try to give you my impressions of the man that you may better judge how to act in the premises. I would be glad to have you write from Chicago respecting this matter, as McDonald will be in suspense until he hears from you. If you cannot write definitely from Chicago then McDonald will wait until you have seen the field and from personal observation can write him. He wants to be assured of support and if possible know what amount. You had better enclose a letter to McDonald to me, as I do not know certainly how much to do with him. I hope to hear from you at length respecting this matter and if not definitely then, when would you have visited the Sweet Water place.

Your family will

Remain as usual to James and Gage.

Wm. L. Gage,

Chicago, Ill.

July 10, 1855.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I am meeting with some encouragement. Under the divine blessing I expect before I return to have the money needed for the building of our church out - fear it will be too late in the season to build this year.

My heart aches when I think of it. Oh, just some one would trust the Lord till September. The money is in the treasury but it requires faith, time, prayer and work to get it out. We must have faith, take time, pray and work if we would see Christ honored and souls saved in Omaha. If you find any one to advance the money and take my promise that the money will be refunded, go on and build. This is not to be expected however, and we must first get the money and then build the house.

Yours in Christ,

H. V. Van Arsdale.

Farmers City, Nebraska, July 31, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Yours of 15th ultimo was received. I feel very much disappointed and discouraged at the way things have been going of late in our Presbytery. Such disappointments as have fallen to our lot in this region will soon affect us and our cause. We feel it very much so, and as does Brother Peck. If we had been let alone to a local Presbytery as we desired and were prepared to do, there would not be such a feeling and more confidence. A call (unofficial) was sent out from this church and the people informed that it was to be presented at the Elders' at adjourned meeting, and the organization take place before first of September. Expectations are not realized; disappointment follows; interest wanes and blame is placed! This in connection with the Board's refusal to grant the amount asked by this church for their supply suggests some things to some minds. And what of all this? The flow falls heaviest on the party least able to bear it. Were it not for the earnest desire for preaching and the continued growth of the church here and my desire to serve the cause, I certainly would feel it my duty (under all the circumstances) to yield and leave the active and regular work and look to some other source for a living.

That controversy with "W. A. Russell" in the Presbyterian is certainly very painful. I regret that from a personal affair it is now taken up by our Presbytery. The result will be to throw suspicion on our whole missionary work and labors with the officers and friends of the Board and than as our appropriations already inadequate are cut down. For pity's sake let that matter drop, so far as our Presbytery is concerned.

Don't fail to be with Brother Peck promptly at the organization of their church. I fear we have lost all at Falls City and Saler.

Will you please let us know when you will visit this field, as we wish to hold a communion service and should announce it as soon as possible. Do not disappoint us, as I have announced you will visit this entire field and I am also exceedingly anxious you should. I am not accepting call if it is presented.

Yours So.,

H. W. Gilbert.

New Hartford, Iowa, July 18, 1869.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Yours of June 5th was received and in reply I will answer your questions as well as I can. Inhabitants 185; Number of Presbyterian families in town and vicinity about five. Elder Rogus from Eldras as an assistant here on Sunday evening

July 25. If you ever happen to be in our vicinity please call.
From your brother in Christ,
O. W. Olmstead.

Atton, Iowa, July 19, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson.

Dear Brother:

After learning something more definite concerning the field in Page County I felt that to do justice to the field, would require me to be a great proportion of my time away from home. Owing to Mrs. Junkin's impaired health I felt that my duty to my family would prevent me from entering that field. I hope some one, in whose way this impediment does not lie may be found to occupy the ground. Since leaving Page County there has been so much rain that it is scarcely possible to get from one point to another, either by railroad or Stage. It will be necessary for me to return to Ohio soon. Whether I shall find a field or not in Iowa is at present uncertain. If the Master designs it, and can make me more useful here than elsewhere doubtless I will. May the Lord bless you in your efforts to enlarge the boundaries of our beloved Zion.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson, Brother Cleland, and Mrs. and Mr. Porterfield.

Yours in Christian fellowship,
W. C. Junkin.

Pardon this pencil writing as I have no ink at hand.

Chariton, Iowa, July 19, 1869.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your note of the 8th instant came to hand some days since. You are under no obligations to me whatever for the article which appeared in The Presbyterian over my signature, to which you refer. It gives me great pleasure to express my hearty sympathy with you in your work, and my earnest desire that nothing may turn you from the accomplishment of your purpose announced at the spring meeting of our presbytery, of acting as Missionary for the central and western portions of the state and for the vast and rapidly developing region west of the Missouri. I sincerely regret that Brother Nason displays such an uncommendable spirit of jealousy. I know that it can not be other than unpleasant for you; and I fear that such articles as he has been publishing in the Presbyterian are calculated to prejudice our cause in the minds of Christians at a distance. The Macedonian cry would certainly have sounded better coming from his lips than the unfriendly allusion he made to your former field.

I am very sorry to learn that the board have renewed his commission for another year enlarging his field and increasing his salary. I wish our board in the appointment of men to such

offices would manifest a little more of a disposition to consult the wishes of our presbyteries. It seems to me that such a course would be a little more Presbyterian than the one now pursued. But my dear brother, if you have not that sympathy and aid from the board and from Brother Mason that you could wish, the ministers and elders living on the field, most interested in the work to which you have freely devoted yourself, have officially with the most perfect unanimity returned to you the hand of welcome, praying you God speed in your work. I am satisfied that the brethren of our presbytery at least are in hearty sympathy with you.

Anything that I can do to awaken the church to a more vivid consciousness of the destitution and wants of our part of the country shall be most gladly done. The article published in the Presbyterian was written as the above mentioned but was not published until July. I hope it has not been thrown into the waste basket.

I should be glad to meet you in my own field when you come to this part of our State. However I expect to go east on "important special business" next Monday and shall not return until the last of August or possibly the first of September. When I get back I hope to be in a condition to entertain my friends more pleasantly, at least for myself, than I can do under the present status.

Hoping that you may be abundantly blessed in your work I remain,

Your brother and fellow-laborer,
David W. Tappan.

Albany, Iowa, July 19, 1881

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

may urge me to drop you a line this morning in regard to church matters in my place.

You will recollect that I told you in Fremont that we had no preaching here since last fall and that we must have a minister or the alternative death to our little church.

An inviting field ready for the harvest is here waiting for a reaper, the congregationalists being aware of this have sent on a man to take possession of the ground. He has preached two Sabbaths to crowded houses, and had I not written to my wife the conversation we had and that you could send a man soon, he would have remained. but for the present is gone to look up some other destitute Presbyterian fields, and will return in the fall.

Now is our church prepared to spend so much money as she has done and then let the whole fall into the hands of others? Mr. Lyons did very wrong in leaving here and spending his time where there is no church nor the prospect of being any, but the question now is, can you send us a minister? If you can do so if not then (as in many other places that I know, congregationalists

ism will grow and flourish on Presbyterian soil.

Please write me or receipt of this.

Yours truly,

Alfred, Roosevelt County, Iowa.

Clarinda, Ross County, Iowa, July 11, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I accompanied Rev. Mr. Junkin on a tour of inspection of our mission fields in this County. He was very kind to say that he became discouraged before we had barely commenced the exploration. He arrived here on Friday eve of last week before last and did not report himself till next morning. It was too late in the week then to get out in the country in time to make an appointment and I persuaded him to remain till after Sabbath promising to go with him on Monday (M.V.). Monday eve it rained and we did not get off till in the P. M. but in time to reach Mr. Hearty Kelly in time for tea. We had a full and free conversation with Mr. Kelly remaining with him till the next morning.

Mr. Junkin then said that he would not leave an appointment for the next Sabbath as he knew from what he had seen that the field would not quit him for it would of necessity take him from home more than he thought it prudent for him to be. This was the great if not the sole reason he would be from home too much.

The field requires one to be from home from one third to one half of his time. There has been an immense amount of rain and the roads are almost impassable. We were on horse back but even then must make detours to avoid the most impassable roads and had to ford one river where it was necessary to draw the feet up on the back of the horse; besides it was very warm and Mr. Junkin quite tired. We saw the condition under the most unfavorable circumstances: it took us longer to go the same distance and it was necessary for us to make greater distance to go to any one place than we would otherwise have done. However much these may have contributed to discourage him I can not say.

In regard to the field I can say that it needs a workman, but it will require one who can endure hardships and a man of prudence. The other denominations are established, i. e. in the South part of the county, and have left only a few who are so strongly Old School Presbyterians that they cannot enter the other churches. In the church of Pleasant Ridge there are only eleven members. Mr. Kelly does not give much hope of the number being increased: still there is mission work to be done in going from house to house and preaching it to those who have ears but hear not. Mr. Kelly accompanied us the next morning across the country to Mr. Astelle's, who lives nearer Anity. It seems to me that they are very non-committal in relation to church matters, and especially is this so till they find you do not intend to

come amongst them. When they talk encouragingly, Mr. Axtell did not know many of those that Mr. Farley reported as living near Anity.

In regard to my support, that could be raised in the field Mr. Kelly thought fifty dollars would be about as much as they could raise. Mr. Axtell thought about \$100 at Anity. They are very anxious for preaching at least these two men seem to be. We had not time to go to Anity and returned from the second day, just in time to escape a heavy storm. They wish me to come and preach for them, but if I go to these fields as they wish and as they really need to build them up, there will be absolutely no time at all for Clarinda. I feel confident that every day this pulpit is vacant is so much loss around here at home. Strangers are coming in; those of our own denomination will of course come with us, but many or some belong to other denominations that are not represented here, and some of those are among our regular attendants. The Baptist people are divided and part have been sent adrift, some of these, good and earnest Christians associate with us and may eventually come with us. Thus you can see the necessity of regular preaching here-- at the same time they need it in these other places, but I can't be in two places at once; therefore send us some help if possible. No one can tell what can be done in these fields till it is tried.

Yours very truly,
Robert H. Westcott.

Greenleaf, Iowa, July 21, 1869.

Rev. G. Jackson,
Dear Brother

I am determined if the Lord will, to leave this point as soon as possible for several reasons. (1) My wife's health demands imperatively a change from this rigorous climate; (2) I have laid the foundations here, and from nothing have now in this one little hamlet a church of 40 members and rapidly growing besides other churches and work at other points. It is an observation that in the peculiar work in this region a man who does thorough foundation work had better leave the building to be completed by other hands. My congregation would almost universally and very strongly object -- but I think I am right in my views. (3) I have established a Seminary of growing interest and importance of which also the foundations are laid. I had on my roll this spring 40 pupils or thereabouts. I might feel encouraged in my work and I do and bless God for it. But on the other hand I can not avoid the conviction that my work is thus complete.

I now want to go West-- have steadfastly declined going eastward, and my eyes are turned longingly to the line of the Pacific. All this introduction brings me to the point. Will you so far trespass on your time and patience as to ask:

1. Can I be of use out west of Sage - I care not how far and will trust for a support.
2. Could a pass be obtained for us from your place out? I have school property, land so. worth several thousand dollars, but want to leave that for the benefit of the cause - and so would start with little or nothing but a team.
3. If a pass cannot be obtained, would the trip be passable with my team in the Fall? Pardon the fragmentary and unsatisfactory character of this, and let me hear from you soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,
W. C. Harding.

New York, July 21, 1869.

Dear Brother:

Your esteemed favor of the 8th instant (Council Bluffs, Iowa) came duly to hand.

The extent of my contributing friends in Jersey City is very limited being confined since the death of W. F. Talcott to B. G. Clark who has contributed out \$50 this time. I also secured for you \$50 from Miss Sarah Hartshorne. (B. G. Clark's case I have mentioned before liberal but unconverted).

Enclosed please find check to your order for three hundred and fifty. The \$250 I had determined on sending to you before the receipt of yours of the 8th instant. I trust you will be in receipt of other funds from other quarters shortly. Beware of debt. God prosper your work.

Yours truly,
Wm. B. Jenaway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
care of Rev. John L. Sage,
Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory.

Burlington, Iowa, July 22, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir:

I met yesterday here, for a moment, an old acquaintance of mine, Washington Frank of Warsaw, New York, who is interested in the new town, Corning, on the line of the N. & W. R.R., west of Cromwell. He is a gentleman of means, and strongly attached to the Presbyterian Church, and wishes very much to have a Presbyterian church organized at Corning. There is no nucleus there he says, of any amount, but the Congregationalists are moving to organize there, and he wishes our church to occupy the ground. The company with which he is connected will give a lot for a church and aid some besides. He is on his way east and will not be back for some time, how long I can

not tell, but says that he will write to you on his return to
Corning.

lest he may forget it, perhaps it will be best for you
to drop him a line at Corning, in a week or ten days, so as to
find him there on his return.

The ticket agent informs me that he sent your half-fare
pass as requested.

Yours truly,
Geo. S. Warner.

Port de Lac, Wisconsin, July 23, 1899.

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Brother:

I am in receipt of yours directing me to several im-
portant vacancies in your great Western field in the inter-
ests of our Church.

It is impossible to say what I would do, until I have
visited one or two points of those you mention.

During the month of August, I could go to Schenectady or any
places you may secure invitations for me, provided at least
half of the full fare fares are paid for them.

I am yours sincerely,
George S. Warner.

Schenectady, N. Y., July 23, 1899.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Yours of the 21st is received. But I regret to say
that it is not expedient for me to attempt a collection for
your work in the way you propose. Our Session in the spring
agreed to afford you opportunity for a special collection for
your field, and authorized me to arrange matters so that you
could have either August or October (or even November) the
3d Sabbath in either month as you might deem most expedient.

This we are prepared to do, or will be glad to insert you with-
and er you will be probably able to be seen at one or two
when an opportunity. If, on the contrary, you prefer, it will be best
to know in time, (say before August 1st or 15th) will under-
take to make the collection for you and send it you. But you
must consider that such a collection will not be probably
half as much as your own personal appeal and secure. I would
do as you request and by a personal solicitation for you get
from me as far as I could. But it is a rule with me never to
do that. In the long run (I believe) the loss is more than
it gains by such a course. Besides if such an effort were now
made it would embarrass you in any subsequent effort more than
you can know. With best wishes for your health and success,
believe me as ever, truly your friend, A. Trumbull Backus.

Fairfield, Iowa, July 22, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I have left Hudson, Wisconsin, on account of my wife's health - am now out of employ, so write to you to make inquiry of any vacancies in Kansas. I am willing to work yet. I am in peculiar circumstances, with an invalid wife I cannot do with an small support as many would - more I feel that it is necessity to get a field where I will only have to preach at one point, or two or near together that I can be at home most of the time. If there are such fields I would gladly go and work. I am stopping at my brother's at above place and any communication addressed to me at Fairfield, Iowa, care of Rev. Carson Reed, will reach me.

Travercially yours,
Wm. Stuart Reed.

Marshalltown, Iowa, July 24, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I am passing through this place on my way to Afton, Union County. I write from here to ask you, if you can, to have a letter for me at that place by Thursday, or not even that and Saturday this way week, I will probably be there till that time. I go to Afton on other business but while in that region I would like to look out a situation.

I would have written sooner but really did not and yet do not know what kind of a place I want? It is possible I may visit you at Council Bluffs on my way home - but I have no definite plans.

I believe you mentioned one or two places on that road west of Afton, but I have not your letter with me. What are they and are they yet taken?

Travercially,
G. H. Shuley.

Pittsburgh, July 26, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

I received your letter some days ago and as advised sent draft to J. L. Gage and advised him that it was to be expended according to your instructions. I did this because I thought that it might seem necessary to use it for the support of the pastor instead of applying it to the building of the church and authorize you to expend it in any manner that you think for the good of the Master's work and remain truly your Friend,
James W. Wood.

Warsaw, Monroe County, New York,
July 22, 1860.

Rev. & Dear Brother Jackson:

Permit me to bring to your notice, as Superintendent of Domestic Missions in the west, a new town in Southern Iowa, named Corning. It is as I am informed not far from the Missouri line. I came to know of it through my brother-in-law, Mr. G. W. Frank, a member of my church here. Mr. Frank has been up there and is interested in the growth of the place. From his description it is filling up rapidly with a very choice class of population and is growing very rapidly. There is a Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian element there. The Methodists he thinks will build -- the Congregationalists are willing to go in with the Presbyterians, if the latter will occupy the place. Now I suggested to him to write you, as he will, when he returns there within two weeks. But he wanted me to drop you this short note, and urge you, now, as you conveniently can, to go and see them and find out the prospect ecclesiastical, and tell them what to do and how to do it so as to further the cause of Presbyterianism, by occupying this important point. The Railway is to pass there and the prospect, he thinks, is good, of its becoming the county seat. I have not been there myself, but would draw your early attention to that point.

With great regard I am,

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Adams.

Cincinnati, Ohio,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I have almost despaired of hearing from you or any of my brethren in the west. I suppose you are so busy that you can not find time to write. I now write to you, that I need your advice and attention immediately. Brother Fernald writes to me telling me that those interested in our enterprise prefer going into the other church and that the general feeling of the Second Church and all is that they had better sever their efforts in the Second Church, or else send off a colony and to occupy the field we propose occupying.

Now as Presbytery sent me there and as I am leaving soon its care I think you or the Committee on Missions should go and investigate the matter. We must have the cooperation of all to succeed.

I have not with success in collecting but can not collect enough to enable us to build this fair, unless it is a temporary building at a cost of four or five thousand dollars. This Mr. Poland says the people will neither give their money or sympathy to encourage. If this is true it is impossible to go forward. Let me know as soon as possible. Yours in Christ,

W. Van Arsdale.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Huntington, Indiana, August 30, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I received your letter last week and would have answered it immediately, but am not quite ready yet to decide. My heart is on the field of Blair, and vicinity. I would like Fremont and Blair, or Blair and N. W. Junction. - Perhaps I will be one blocked out. I may not be able to see which is the best, as these are the ground are. By about the 1st of October, if I come, I will be on the ground, Providence permitting.

Yours very truly,
W. C. Smith.

30 Vesey Street, New York, August 30, 1869.

Dear Brother:

Your letter followed us back from California. We have about \$200 given for a church in Cheyenne, and which can be applied there as soon as Union is legally consummated. There is however no legal way of anticipating that event unless it be by connecting the church with one of our Presbyteries. But I apprehend that in that case your Board would have the same obstacles. How will you manage it?

I am glad of your zeal and success on the U. S. A. I. God speed you.

Your friend and promoter,
S. A. Ellinwood.

Osceola, Iowa, August 30, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I was not at home when you passed east last week, but hoped I should have seen you at Cromwell when went on Monday forenoon from Afton, but was disappointed. The reason why I have delayed making my grateful acknowledgement to you to whom I am so greatly indebted, is that I did not think you would be at home for some days, so receive a letter should I write, and I have been very much occupied; now however please accept my thanks for the package left at our Station. The books and the coat for Sir Willie to a T. He is soon to go off to school and they will materially aid in making up his outfit. Hoping I may have the pleasure of seeing you at Presbytery I will not write at length now. Allow me however to say we are greatly interested in reading your communications in the Presbyterian, and rejoice that the Lord has directed you to the important work in which you are engaged. May you be abundantly blessed in that work and all your interest is the prayer of yours

Truly in the gospel,
J. Osmond.

Helena, Montana T.
September 17, A. D. 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Sir:

Yours of the 3rd instant is at hand and I hasten to inform you of the unpropitious circumstances attending the church matters. By reason of accepting the Office of Territorial Auditor under appointment of Governor Ashley, and the Capitol still remaining at Virginia City, I shall be obliged soon to move there with my family to remain; while Mr. Clarke, in consultation with him today, joined me in the opinion that in

view of our going away, and the fact that times with us here are getting so dull - and likely to be almost oppressive, during the whole fall and winter, it would be more advisable to wait until next Spring before sending us out a minister to build up the new church organization. I deem it my duty to make this suggestion, feeling that there are so few men folks here at least in these dull and pinching times that would or could do anything for the cause pecuniarily, the burden would fall more heavily upon those few than they could bear in all probability. At any rate, should you still deem it best to send the minister, the home Church should, to protect him against embarrassments in the beginning here, provide the means necessary to sustain him - say for the first six months.

In these views and conclusions, brother Clarke agrees with me fully; and yet there are probably no two persons here who would take or who feel, at present, any deeper interest than we do in the early establishment of the Church in our midst.

In haste, with the regards of Mrs. Fisk and other friends,
I am, yours very respectfully,
James L. Fisk.

At a stated meeting of the Synodical Conference of Montana, held at Napoleon, Kansas, April 10-15, 1869, the following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote:

"Resolved that our ministers at the several Synods, be instructed to favor and promote the organization of the Board of Christian Missions, placing a committee as its secretary, and as also recommended by the Synod of Jackson, of Rochester, Minn., for that purpose."

Attest:-

Sheldon Jackson,

Secretary of the Board.

Helena, Montana, T.

April 15, 1869.

EXTRACTS FROM THE HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WINONA.

By
Rev. R. B. Abbott, D. D. (A. D. 1888).

1859. La Crosse, La Crescent--the Cross first, the Crescent later--opposite to each other--opposed to each other. Early in its history, the Crescent hoped to rival or perhaps supplant the Cross, and keep the mighty stream along its own banks and wharves and busy life;-- not having read the book Foreordination. It was during that era of hope, though hope deferred, that Divine Providence used Malarial Fever, at Spencer Academy, to drive to Minnesota--far famed, healthful Minnesota-- one of the chief actors in the early building up of his kingdom hereaway. Landing at Winona, persuaded by Mr. Lyon to settle permanently for six months in the booming and prospective city of La Crescent--the symbol of Islam--Sheldon Jackson began. He kept on beginning. That has been his life work. Some years later we see him beginning further west. Next he is beginning among the Rocky Mountains. Then he goes to Alaska and keeps on beginning. He will continue on beginning to the end of the chapter. And when earth shall cover his clay with other clay, let his epitaph be,--"Here at last rests the Beginner."-- Little of stature but earnest in spirit, like another Zaccheus, he was ever running ahead of the crowd, climbing a hill, scaling a mountain, following a valley, opening a school-house, to see Jesus--who he was, and what he would do for these faraway western people. He was constantly searching out the land, sowing beside all waters, organizing beside all railroads.--Too much of it, do you say?-- Organized too much? The hunter does not grudge a lost shot now and then, if he yet bags abundance of game. O, for more Jacksons to follow up Jackson, to build up what he began! If subsequent ministers had had more of his faith and zeal and toil may be Brownville, and Minnereska, and Rushford, and Richland, and Austin, and Sheldon, and Plainview, and Utica, and Taopi, and Dresser Valley, and Rollingstone, would never have been dropped from our Roll; and Eyota, and St. Charles, and Waseca, and Janesville, and Fillmore, and Stewartville, would never have been given over to other denominations. May be:

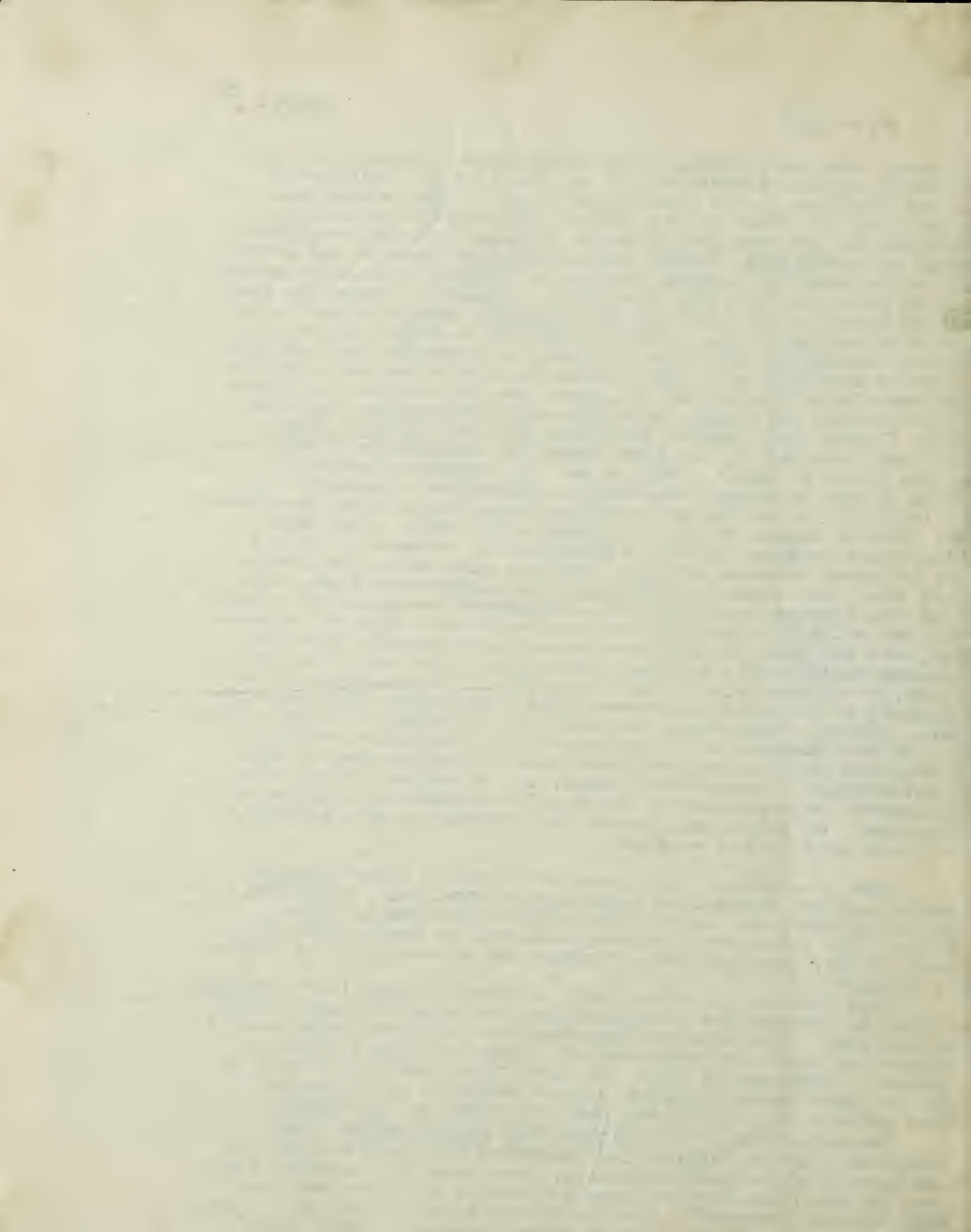
Mr. Jackson found one scattered Presbyterian at La Crescent. It was not long till he organized him--and some others. The Church was formed Dec. 28, with six members, the election of officers being held at a later day. Mr. Jackson's salary the first year was three hundred dollars, paid by the Board of Domestic Missions, O. S. His six months settlement, multiplied into sixty months, resulted in a comfortable church building, and a membership of forty-seven souls;--and the whole region for twenty, thirty, forty miles or more, repeatedly traversed, usually on foot, our little circuit-walker often taking no horse--and remember it took more than mille passuum of Sheldon Jackson's to make a mile--every neighborhood sought out, the gospel of Salvation preached with burning fervor in

in every town and hamlet, every Presbyterian discovered, and a church organized wherever two or three of the faith could be got together in the name of the Lord. Take a specimen brick from the House of his labors: On Sabbath morning he preached in the home church in La Crescent, in the evening at Hokah or Brownville, Monday he travelled to Houston and preached in the evening, Tuesday evening at Sheldon, Wednesday evening at Rushford, Thursday evening at Caledonia, Friday he returned home, and on that day and Saturday chopped wood to last his wife another week. Then on Sabbath he began to circuit again, varying it from time to time, to carry the word of life to every dark corner. The recital of such a history recalls the marvels of the heroic age, when men for the love of Christ would undergo any labor, or suffer any persecution, "so they might finish their course with joy, and the ministry which they had received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." What a new and living commentary it gives to the marching orders of the Christian ministry, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mr. Jackson seemed to think it meant just that. But what time could he have for the preparation of sermons? Go and try it once, my young brother; and you will see! He never read that last command in the light of modern revision, "Go into the largest congregations, and preach the grandest sermons you can write!" His head and his heart were full of the gospel, and its glowing truths were cast into orderly form for sermons while on his solitary journeys. His saddle was his study, or oftener his boots! Some of these preaching tours extended as far west as Jackson, and some as far east as Galesburg, Hixton, North Bend, and Black River Falls. At that time, he and the churches he organized were in connection with the Presbytery of Chippewa, which extended a little west of the Mississippi. During those years, and subsequently while at Rochester, he organized or assisted in organizing twenty-two churches; of which the greater part remain to this present, but some have fallen asleep.

Page 17--1864. "The house of worship of the Rochester church and the Manse were begun during this year, completed the following year, and dedicated the first Sabbath of January, 1866. The means to build were secured, in large part, in the east, by Mr. Jackson, who as beggar was almost equal to Jackson as organizer."

Page 18--1866. "The church of Kasson takes its beginning, formed by Jackson the irrepressible, assisted by Elder Newhall of Ashland. The organization consisted of three members--all women--two elder and one younger. The two elders formed a quorum. This was in May. A month later two others were added to their number, whether men or women is not recorded. What matters it? In heaven they are equal to the angels.

Page 21--1868. "....Jackson the unquenchable, now at Rochester, having figured that Rushford was territorially in the bounds of Southern Minnesota, came down like another shepherd on the fold--for how should a church be organized here away without Jackson? The church was born in that upper room, and pronounced an infant of Southern Minnesota Presbytery."





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